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Banks.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED .....Yen 24,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... „ 12,000,000
CAPITAL UNCALLED..... „ 12,000,000
RESERVE FUND ..... „ 7,500,000

Head Office:—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies.

TOKIO.	KOBE.
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SAN FRANCISCO.	HONOLULU.
BOMBAY.	SHANGHAI.
TIENTSIN.	NEWCHWANG.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.
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HONGKONG AGENCY:—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.
„ 6 „ 4 „
„ 3 „ 3 „

S. CHOH,
Hongkong Manager.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1900. [11

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

Shanghai Taels.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL 2,500,000

Head Office:—SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies.

CANTON.	PEKING.
CHEFOO.	PENANG.
CHINKIANG.	SINGAPORE.
CHUNKING.	SWATOW.
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HANKOW.	

THE Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and Sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.
Advances made on approved securities.
Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
3% per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.
4% „ „ 6 „
5% „ „ 12 „

E. W. RUTTER,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1900. [14

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS £800,000
RESERVE FUND £500,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.
„ „ „ 6 „ ... 3½ „
„ „ „ 3 „ ... 2½ „

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 20th May, 1898. [13

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....£1,000,000
Paid up Capital .....£ 324,374

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Board of Directors:—
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. | D. Gillies, Esq.
Chow Tung Shang, Esq. | J. T. Lauts, Esq.
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed .....5 %
Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. [8

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND $11,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS. $10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
R. M. GRAY, Esq., Chairman.
N. A. SIEBS, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
David Meyer Moses, Esq.

E. Goetz, Esq.	A. J. Raymond, Esq.
A. Haupt, Esq.	R. L. Richardson, Esq.
The Hon. J. J. Keswick.	P. Sachse, Esq.
A. McConachie, Esq.	R. Shewan, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—Sir THOMAS JACKSON.
MANAGER:
Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARD'NER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.

THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1900. [9

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [10

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.
$5 per Cask of 375 lbs. Net ex Godown.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1899. [31

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMER	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON, &c.	*Valetta**	F. N. Tillard	Noon, 3rd Feb.	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN	*Rosetta*†	C. C. Talbot, R.N.R.	About 3rd Feb.	Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI	*Clyde*	C. T. Denny, R.N.R.	About 3rd Feb.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	*Canton*	C. F. Luckstone, R.N.R.	About 22nd Feb.	Freight or Passage.
S'HAI & JAPAN	*Java*	G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	About 24th Feb.	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN	*Candia*†	W. H. Haughton, R.N.R.	About 25th Feb.	Freight or Passage.
MARSEILLES & LONDON DIRECT. (Without Transhipment).	PARRAMATTA		31st March	Freight or Passage.
	MASSILIA		14th April	

* (See Special Advertisement). † (Passing through the Inland Sea).

For Further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1900. [5

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG;
PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS;
Steamers will call at SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers and Luggage.
N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the Principal Places in Russia.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 7th February.
OLDENBURG	WEDNESDAY, 21st February.
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY, 7th March.
STUTTGART	WEDNESDAY, 21st March.
KONIG ALBERT	WEDNESDAY, 4th April.
WEIMAR	WEDNESDAY, 18th April.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 2nd May.
HAMBURG, (Hamburg-Amerika Linie)	WEDNESDAY, 16th May.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 30th May.
SACHSEN	THURSDAY, 14th June.
OLDENBURG	THURSDAY, 28th June.
BAYERN	THURSDAY, 12th July.
STUTTGART	THURSDAY, 26th July.
KONIG ALBERT	THURSDAY, 9th August.
WEIMAR	THURSDAY, 23rd August.
PREUSSEN	THURSDAY, 6th September.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of February, 1900, at NOON, the Steamship "SACHSEN," of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain F. Mentz, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at NAPLES and GENOA.
Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, on MONDAY, the 5th February, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 6th February, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 6th February.
Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.
The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.
Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & CO.,
AGENTS.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1900. [22

HONGKONG HOTEL.

NEW ROOMS
At Moderate Daily Rates.
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MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VIOLINS, GUITARS, CORNETS,
CELLOS, BANJOS, TROMBONES,
MANDOLINES, GUITARRAS, EUPHONIUMS,
MANDOLAS, ZITHERS, CLARINETS, &c.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

"CLAYMORE."

FINE OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

SOLE AGENTS:—
THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.
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Intimations.

THE NATIONAL TENSION
THAT THE
RELIEF OF LADYSMITH
WILL REMOVE, IS NOTHING TO THE RELIEF YOU WILL EXPERIENCE BY TAKING
BALSAMIC
COUGH LINCTUS.

SOLE PROPRIETORS:
Watkins, Limited,
66, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.
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UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,
FOR THE
UNITED ASBESTOS CO. LD., LONDON,
CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.
MANUFACTURERS OF THE
Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS and PACKINGS.
HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS, of all kinds.
"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.
ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities.
ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT.....THOMAS SKINNER.
SUPERINTENDENT .....ARCHIBALD RITCHIE.

17] DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Managers.

PEAK HOTEL AND CRAIGIEBURN.

THE PEAK HOTEL is situated at VICTORIA GAP, adjoining the TRAMWAY TERMINUS, 1,350 feet above sea Level.
CRAIGIEBURN is situated at PLUNKETT'S GAP, five minutes walk from the PEAK HOTEL.
Fine Healthy location, variety of beautiful scenery. Cool Southerly breezes in Summer with perfect protection against the North East Winds in Winter.
Well appointed rooms, attentive service and excellent Cuisine.

A. MOIR,
Manager.
CITY OFFICE, 7, Duddell Street.
Hongkong, 31st October, 1899. [18

ENGLISH ALES.

IND COOPES per Cask of 8 doz. Pts. $15
BASS „ Do. $17

H. PRICE & Co.,
12, QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1899. [20

AQUARIUS.

Telephone 76.

"The Latest thing in Mineral Waters that we have happened upon is "AQUARIUS." We have tried it plain, we have tried it with Whisky, and have nothing but good to say of it."

"MAN OF THE WORLD," LONDON.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
AGENTS,
AQUARIUS COMPANY.
15, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 20th January, 1900. [15

PETER SYS' WONDERFUL SPECIFIC.

THE only remedy at present known as an INFALLIBLE and PERMANENT CURE for SPRUE, DYSENTRY, DIARRHŒA, HEMORRHAGE and ULCERATION of the BOWELS.
Recommended by some of the Chief Specialists of the Medical Profession.
Sold retail by all Chemists and Wholesale by
THE PETER SYS COMPANY,
(Proprietors and Sole Manufacturers),
9, Old China Street,
Shanghai.
12th October, 1898. [21

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Registers of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 3rd to the 17th day of February, (both days inclusive), during which Period NO Transfer of Shares can be registered.
By order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1900. [106b

THE STAR FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to send their Share Certificates to the Undersigned to be exchanged for FULLY PAID UP SCRIP.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1900. [98b

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SANITARY BOARD will distribute RAT TRAPS on Loan, free of charge, to all Householders who may apply for them, or if preferred, will supply Bird Lime and Boards, to be used for the purpose of catching Rats in Houses and Godowns within the City of Victoria.
A REWARD of Two Cents will be paid for each Rat (however caught) delivered, whether Dead or Alive, at the Sanitary Board Office.
By order of the Sanitary Board,
C. W. DUGGAN,
Secretary.
Sanitary Board Office,
January, 1900. [54b

THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Company, held at the Company's Office, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Monday, the 29th day of January, 1900, the following Resolution was passed:—
That a CALL of One Dollar per Share upon all the holders of Ordinary Shares in the above Company in respect of all the Shares held by them in the above Company be and the same is hereby made. Such Calls to be paid to the Company at their Bankers, the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 3rd day of March, 1900.
And Notice is also given that in accordance with Article 24 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest will be charged as from the said 3rd day of March, 1900, at the rate of $10 per centum per annum, upon all calls remaining unpaid after the said 3rd day of March, 1900, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.
Shareholders are particularly requested to note that upon presentation at the office of the Company of the Bankers' receipt for payment of the call together with the certificate of the shares in respect of which the call has been paid, an endorsement to that effect will be made upon the certificate.
By order of the Board of Directors,
W. H. GASKELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1900. [130b

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB
WILL GIVE
FIVE PERFORMANCES
OF
THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD,
OR
THE MERRYMAN AND HIS MAID,
BY
W. S. GILBERT & ARTHUR SULIVAN,
ON
MONDAY, 12th February.
THURSDAY, 15th „
SATURDAY, 17th „
SATURDAY, 24th „
MONDAY, 26th „
Commencing each Evening at 9 P.M. precisely.

Dress Circle and Stalls $3
Pit 1

Half-price to the Pit for Soldiers, Sailors, and Police in Uniform.

TICKETS can be obtained at the Booking Office of the Theatre, CITY HALL, on and after MONDAY, the 5th February, at 10 A.M.
The BOOKING OFFICE will be OPEN Daily from that Date from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. except on Race Days, when it will be Open from 10 A.M. to 12 NOON.
Late Trams will run ½ hour after the fall of the curtain.

H. C. NICOLLE,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 29th January, 1900. [122b

Insurance.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [30

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THERE will be NO COMPETITION TO-MORROW, the Range having been lent.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1900. [147

JUBILEE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

THE REGULAR MEETING of the above Lodge will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 5th instant, at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely. When a paper will be read by Wor. Bro. G. J. W. KING, P.D.G.R. "On Freemasonry and Friendly Societies." Visiting Brethren M.M. are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1900. [134b

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO, STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 8 per Cent. or $1.20 per Share, Declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders, held This Day, will be PAYABLE at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after FRIDAY, the 2nd February, 1900.

Shareholders are requested to apply to the Office of the Company for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1900. [136b

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA,"

Captain Douglas, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 4th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1900. [140b

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAICHING,"

Captain Davis, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 4th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1900. [133b

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's New Steamship

"DIAMANTE,"

Captain R. W. Almond, will be despatched for the above port, on TUESDAY, the 6th instant, at 5 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the excellent accommodation provided by this steamer. She is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1900. [137b

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON.

THE Company's Steamship

"TEENKAI,"

D. Davies, Commander, will be despatched for above on WEDNESDAY, the 14th March.

For Freight, &c., apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1900. [138b

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"RADNORSHIRE,"

Captain Hadley, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1900. [135b

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Post Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs and Collars renewed on old ones.

Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery, Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superioress will also be most grateful for ANY PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, [illegible]

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
LIMITED.

IMPORTERS OF HIGH-CLASS

SHERRIES.

Per Doz. Case.

B.—SUPERIOR PALE DRY, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule - - - - $10.80

C.—MANZANILLA, PALE NATURAL SHERRY, White Capsule - - - - 12.00

C.C.—SUPERIOR OLD DRY, PALE NATURAL SHERRY, Red Seal Capsule - - - - 12.00

D.—VERY SUPERIOR OLD PALE DRY, choice old wine, White Seal Capsule - - - - 14.40

E.—EXTRA SUPERIOR OLD PALE DRY, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (*Old Bottled*) - - - - 20.40

B, C and *C.C* are excellent dinner Wines and suitable for invalids and delicate stomachs. *D* and *E* are after-dinner Wines of a very superior vintage. All are true Xeres Wines.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

BIRTH.

On the 24th of January, at Finnhult, Sweden, the wife of Count ERIC CARL PIPER, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

SHARP—CUNLIFFE.—On the 2nd instant, at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Victoria, D.D., assisted by the Rev. R. F. Cobbold, M.A., ERNEST HAMILTON SHARP, barrister-at-law, son of Edmund Hamilton Sharp of Japan, to SARAH SHIRESOLE (Lily), daughter of the late Roger Cunliffe of Stoneleigh, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. [139b

DEATH.

On the 26th January, at Shanghai, WILLIAM A. D. COOPER, M.D., aged 34 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1900.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE WAR.

From the very beginning the war in South Africa appears to have brought us nothing but reverses. The few successes which have been attained have, in almost every instance, been followed by a disaster if not an undeniable defeat and one is growing to be positively sceptical when news comes of any advance made or advantage gained. One wishes to believe it, but fears to do so. The latest disappointment is contained in the Reuter's telegram which we publish to-day reporting that the relief of Mafeking has not yet been accomplished. Still we are pleased to see that the public are still of opinion that the war should be carried on to the bitter end. In Parliament the same dogged spirit of perseverance is manifest and there can be no doubt but that the nation will put forth its best efforts which must, ultimately, culminate in victory. We sincerely trust that the darkest hour before the dawn has at length been reached and that we have now come to the end of the series of reverses and [illegible] which have been experienced. Signs of a disinclination to allow the war to be directed so much from home are apparent and we trust that the hands of our generals will not be tied. Indeed it has been stated that Lord ROBERTS only accepted the supreme command upon condition of being allowed an absolutely free hand and we hope that as soon as he has had time to thoroughly grasp the situation he will be able to retrieve some of our defeats and reverses of the past weeks. Of one thing we may be certain and that is that we have learnt some very valuable lessons, though at an immense cost. We shall now, perhaps, see the home authorities taking more note of the reports made by those upon the spot who are in a position to judge as to the best course to be pursued, and will no longer see the valuable information supplied by these people pigeon-holed by a host of irresponsible clerks, as is said to have been the case with General BUTLER's information as to the forces and armaments of the South African Republics. In other words the home authorities must once and for all get rid of the idea that ten minutes' study of the situation upon paper can fit a man to over-ride the opinions and knowledge of those who have spent years in studying the subject.

THE SECOND COUP D'ETAT.

So far the wily Empress Dowager's second *Coup d'Etat* appears to have been attended by as great success as her first, but still there are not wanting signs that trouble is looming ahead for her and her party. It is said that she is being supported by Russia and it will not be at all surprising should such prove to be the case. But what is to be the price of Russian support? It is hardly likely that Russia would go so far as to promise support unless assured of an adequate *quid pro quo* so soon as the Dowager's protege is firmly seated upon the Dragon Throne, and it will be well for Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD to keep his eyes open in order to prevent British interests suffering when the time comes for Russia to be paid. Now, too, we can most probably fathom the reason of LI HUNG-CHANG's appointment to the Viceroyalty of the Two KWANGS. He is undoubtedly one of the cleverest men of China and doubtless the Empress Dowager feared him and considered it best to have him safely out of the way before the machinery was put in motion for the accomplishment of the latest move. That there will be a revolution in China as the result of the deposition of KUANG HSU we doubt. The country is certainly ripe for revolt and plenty of men would be found ready to flock to the standard of rebellion once it was raised, but we very much doubt if a leader capable of organizing matters on a sufficiently large scale would be forthcoming. There is no man that we know of who would be able to maintain order amongst the heads of the different bands and so prevent a revolution from degenerating into a mere series of looting expeditions. KANG YU-WEI might perhaps take the lead, but he is not the man that is wanted. He is not sufficiently strong of purpose nor could he conduct military operations and keep the rabble in order. Then too the Chinaman's love of personal gain is always against his proving a true patriot. We do not think that a sufficiently disinterested man could be found to lead a revolution for the good of the country. In all probability such a large proportion of the revolutionary funds would stick to the hands of the leaders that the effort would die of starvation long before anything of a lasting nature had been accomplished. If a revolution is to come and be successful it will need a second Chinese Gordon to be found to conduct the enterprise, and Chinese Gordons are not to be found more than once in a generation. It is indeed a pity that some man with the attributes of GORDON or RAJAH BROOK is not forthcoming at the present time to steer the revolutionary party aright, but we fear that even were such to be the case the jealousy of the Powers would result in his efforts for the good of China being brought to nought. To succeed without some Power intervening such a man would have to own allegiance to every Power interested in China and an Anglo-American-Franco-German-Italian-Japanese-Russian has not yet come to the front.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.
Casualties.

LONDON, January 30th.

General Buller's casualties from the 21st to 26th instant, exclusive of those at Spionkop which are still mainly not received amount to 23 killed and 278 wounded.

RUSSIA.

Dr. Leyds is going to St. Petersburg.

The Russian Bank has advanced to the Persian Government 22½ million roubles at 5 per cent. with which to discharge all existing foreign obligations on the undertaking that Persia will incur no fresh foreign loan. This practically binds Persia to Russia politically and financially.

OPENING OF PARLIAMNET.

Parliament has been opened. The Queen's speech chiefly refers to the South African war and says:—Her Majesty is convinced that Parliament will shrink from no outlay to place defensive preparations on a level with the responsibilities of so great an Empire, nor release its solicitude for the efficiency of the navy and coast defences when several other nations are projecting naval preparations.

THE WAR.
Another Reverse.

LONDON, January 31st.

The Boers report that they encountered the British at Crocodile River and retired but being reinforced, repulsed the British. This apparently refers to Col. Plumer's force and disposes of the report of the relief of Mafeking.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

In the debate on the address Lord Kimberley in the House of Lords and Mr. Campbell Bannerman in the Commons agreed on the necessity of a vigorous prosecution of the war to vindicate the integrity of the Queen's dominions while they criticized the unpreparedness of the Government.

The Irish Nationalists have re-united on the basis of a party of independence, thus severing the alliance with the Liberals.

The House of Lords has voted the address.

THE WAR.

LATER.

Ladysmith.

The *Times* Correspondent at Ladysmith under date 28th January says they can hold on, and the health of the garrison is better.

Boer Losses at Spionkop.

The Boers state that their losses at Spionkop were 53 killed and 120 wounded.

The Fight at Spionkop.

Press telegrams describe the fight at Spionkop as bitter and bloody. The summit of the hill was exposed to a terrific cross fire of artillery and musketry from neighbouring heights which the British endured for the entire day with splendid heroism losing about 500 men. The smokeless powder used by the enemy prevented the location of their guns and the heights were inaccessible to our artillery. The withdrawal which became necessary was effected in good order and was not molested [illegible]

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—

"On the 2nd at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has fallen considerably on the China coast. Pressure is highest over N. China, and a depression seems to have developed between the E. coast of China and the Loochoos. Gradients slight in S. China and the N. part of the China Sea, with light to moderate monsoon. FORECAST:— E. to N. winds, moderate or light; fair.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

JAMES MARTINEAU the Theologean Professor is dead.

"A PAIR of Spectacles" will be performed by the Manilla A. D. C. on the 9th inst.

CANTON has been favoured by a brief visit from Prince Valdemar of Denmark.

H.M.S. *Iphigenia* is to be relieved by the *Pique*, a vessel of the same class, and will probably sail for home on Saturday week.

A RAILWAY line will be established between Bangkok and Korat. It is almost completed but some difficulty has been met with, owing to the sandy nature of the soil.

WE regret to hear that Mrs. Buttanshaw, the wife of Major Buttanshaw, A.S.C., met with a serious bicycle accident on Tuesday last, necessitating her removal to the Civil Hospital.

FROM Messrs. Noronha & Co., we have received a race book for the 1900 meeting. The book is very neatly got up and should be obtained by all who intend to witness the races.

WE learn that H.M.S. *Bonaventure* will in all probability stop at Shanghai until March as her officers are superintending the overhaul of the dredger *St. Enoch* which is taking place at that port.

THE Royal Humane Society has awarded a vellum testimonial to Mr. McConnel Hussey second officer of the s.s. *Chunsang* for his bravery in saving a Chinaman from drowning in Hongkong Harbour.

TO-MORROW afternoon, on the Happy Valley, in the second round for the Hongkong Foot-ball Challenge Shield, the Engineers' Institute will play 38th Company, R.A. Kick-off at four o'clock. Referee: Mr. W. J. Mayson.

JOHN WILLIAM MOORE, Godown keeper, was this morning at the Magistracy fined $10 for unlawfully wearing the uniform of Her Majesty's Military Forces, to wit, the uniform of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Borrowed plumes, in the shape of military scarlet are apt to prove expensive.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Fresh Fish Guild	$30
Baptist Mission Church	12.20

THE U. S. Battleship *Brooklyn*, flying the flag of Rear-Admiral Watson, arrived from Manila yesterday afternoon and the usual salutes were exchanged. The *Brooklyn* is a very fine vessel, boasting of three funnels, and is certainly a credit to Uncle Sam's Navy. If many more of our friends drop in we shall have to extend the man-of-war anchorage.

A VERY pleasant innovation was made by the management of the R. A. O. B. last night in the shape of a dancing class to be held at their club rooms every Thursday evening. Sergt. Notman, R.W.F., acts as M. C. and instructor, Mr. Oxberry as secretary assisted by a committee. This class ought to become popular as it offers great opportunities to those desirous of becoming proficient in the terpsichorean art.

THE Band of the Hongkong Regiment will play at the Hongkong Hotel, to-morrow (Saturday) evening, from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.:—

PROGRAMME.

1.—March	"Absent Minded Beggar"	Hume.
2.—Overture	"Zampa"	Harold.
3.—Waltz	"Mabel"	Godfrey.
4.—Selection	"Gondoliers"	Sullivan's.
5.—Fantastic Dance	"Dods"	Buck.
6.—Polka	"Por ci por la"	Woldtenfeld.

"God save the Queen."

EVAN DAVID, a private in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers was charged with (1) unlawfully and wilfully damaging two Chinese lanterns the property of a Chinaman, (2) with others not in custody did behave in a disorderly manner in Queen's Road Central, and was fined $30 or 2 months imprisonment with hard labour. Kun Lee, washerman was charged that he behaved in a disorderly manner at Kowloon, (2) Assaulted Police constable No. 641 in the execution of his duty. Sentenced to $4 or 8 days hard labour on each charge.

JACK ashore had fine fun last night or rather this morning. At 1.30 about 20 or 30 of them had a little matter for argument with as many ricksha coolies; a point was gained by the bluejackets by upsetting the rickshas but then the police interfered. This did not suit Jack and he hit the custodian of the peace a slap in the face. Other police came up and four sailors had their night's lodging provided gratis. This morning, before Mr. Gompertz they appeared and the matter in dispute was amicably arranged by No. 1 defendant paying $20, No. 2 $10, the third and fourth subscribing $5 apiece to the Treasury. It was decided the ricksha coolies had the best of the fun.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The seventh club race will be sailed on Sunday, 4th February. Course, from Police Pier, North Fairway Buoy, Cosmopolitan Dock Buoy, Kowloon Rock, Channel Rocks and return to Police Pier, passing all marks [illegible]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

Yesterday afternoon the ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited, was held at the office of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings. The Hon. E. R. Belilios, C.M.G., presided, and there were also present: the Hon. J. J. Keswick, Messrs. N. A. Siebs, E. Goetz, F. A. Gomes (directors), T. Arnold (secretary), D. Gillies, E. Georg, R. C. Wilcox, T. F. Rose, J. Gossman, Captain Tillet, J. J. Judah, W. H. Gaskell, F. Henderson, J. A. Leiria, D. W. Craddock, John Behrens, Thomas Yule, She Fat Soi and Wong Wing Yuen.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said—I propose that, as usual, the report and accounts be taken as read. Your directors regret that the net earnings of steamers are not quite up to those of the corresponding six months of 1898, but, as explained in the report, this is mainly due (in fact, I think I may say almost entirely due) to the adverse conditions under which the West River branch of our business has been carried on. At our last meeting mention was made of the restrictions which had been placed upon the working of our steamers and the opinion expressed that should those conditions continue the trade could not be worked at a profit. Unfortunately, that prediction has been more than realised, as the result of the six months' working of this branch shows an actual loss. With regard to the new steamers for this trade which have been specially built, and are being built, in joint account with other companies. I may explain that they were ordered during an interval when the restrictions of which we complain had been removed; had we known that those restrictions would be reimposed the investment of capital in this direction would certainly have been deferred until better times. We can now only hope that something will shortly result from the urgent representations we have made in regard to this matter. The *White Cloud*, the last of our old wooden steamers, has been sold, showing a loss of some $7,690 on her book value against which we have a partial off set in the profit of $3,385 on the sale of property. The trade on the Canton and Macao line is too small for vessels of the tonnage of the *White Cloud* to work remuneratively; your directors, therefore, decided to put the *Lungshan* on in her place, and so far the result of the running of this steamer has been fairly satisfactory. You will have observed that the Board, in anticipation of your approval, has, in common with other local companies, subscribed small sums to two deserving objects, namely, the Tung Wah Hospital and the Soldiers and Sailors Families' Fund, a trifling expenditure to which, under the circumstances, there will doubtless be no objection. We had hoped to have our new wharf ready by this time, but owing to the great rise in raw material and the difficulty, in consequence of the war, of getting workmen, there has been several months' delay in shipment. A portion of the material has now arrived and further shipments are on the way—work has been commenced and the wharf should be finished before our next meeting. The *Powan* has resumed running after a two months' lay up for new boilers and a general overhaul: she is now in first rate condition throughout and should run for a good many years yet. The company's investments, I am pleased to say, are in a most satisfactory condition; all our mortgages show ample margins on the respective loans, while the rise in the value of the investments in stocks enables us to increase the amount at the credit of our Investment Fluctuation Account to the substantial figure of $137,000. With these few remarks, gentlemen, I would propose the adoption of the report and accounts, but before doing so I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

There being no questions, the report and accounts were adopted, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Gillies.

Messrs. A. O'd Gourdin and F. Henderson were re-elected auditors, on the motion of Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Wilcox.

The Chairman—This is all the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow at ten o'clock. I thank you for your attendance.

SANITARY BOARD.

STRAY DOGS.

Information concerning the recent fatal case of Hydrophobia (reported in a recent issue) was laid before the Sanitary Board at their meeting to-day. The following minutes were attached:—M.O.H. "I visited Ngai Sun's shop this morning and questioned the master re above.

He states that the dog was a stray dog that visited his place whilst roaming about. He states that he reported the dog as a stray dog to No. 2 Police Station prior to its biting the child. The dog afterwards took sick and died. He forwarded the carcase to Police Station. I also visited the Police Station and was informed by officer in charge that he had visited Ngai Sun some months ago re keeping more dogs than licences for same and was then informed that the dog was a stray dog. This was prior to the child being bitten. He next remembers the dog being dragged to the station by some coolies who strangled it on the road. A police officer was recently bitten by a dog owned by Chi Lun of 135 Wong-nei-chung village. I visited this place also. The dog had last night been forwarded to the Canton Province. It had not been near Ngai Sun's dog and had always been a quiet dog. I beg to recommend that the police are instructed that in future cases of dog bites, the dogs are detained for at least 14 days under observations."

Dr. W. Hartigan.—Only yesterday I saw seven dogs close to Government Offices, four of them without collars. The police seem to take no notice of these. Stray bitches in heat should be captured—January 30th, 1900.

Chan A Fook.—I think the Police should capture and detain all dogs without collars roaming about the town.

Major Brown, R.A.M.C.—There are far too many stray dogs in the Colony. I think all such should be caught and if not claimed within 48 hours destroyed. M. O. H.—I agree with Major Brown.

PLAGUE.

Mr. Joseph H. Longford H.M.'s Consul at Nagasaki under date of 17th ultimo reported that there were no more cases of plague in his consular district and that clean bills of health were being issued.

The following telegram from Rangoon was circulated for information of the Board:—

The Governor,
Hongkong.

Fatal case plague near Rangoon imported from Bengal. [illegible]

The report from Bombay [illegible] and 644 deaths between [illegible] ber, 1899 to Janua[ry] [illegible] despatch [illegible]

INOCULATION AGAINST RINDERPEST.

The following report was submitted to the Sanitary Board dated 17th ultimo:—

Sir,—In answer to your minute of 8.1.00 I have the honour to inform you that in my opinion it would require a large staff of officers to effectually regulate the importation of cattle from the mainland into the New Territory and on this account I am more inclined to advise the inoculation treatment for rinderpest of all animals which are kept in the Extension itself. Given a little encouragement and assistance from the Government, and under proper and constant supervision with a view to the prevention or mitigation of infectious animal diseases, the New Territory should in a very short time produce sufficient animals, both cattle and swine, to enable the Colony to be self supporting in this respect, instead of being as at present, almost entirely dependent upon outside sources.

Comparatively few cattle are driven through the New Territory from the Mainland for the Hongkong Market, only 1083 in 1899 as compared with about 20,000 brought direct from Canton, Hoi Fung and other places by water.

To build and equip a suitable laboratory on the Kowloon side as recommended in my minute of 19.12.99 would also necessitate a large expenditure, and I therefore suggest as an alternative measure that a temporary laboratory be established in part of the building which now constitutes the old Tung Wah Mortuary at Kennedy Town, which has I believe been recently acquired by the Government. Those premises could be easily adapted for this purpose at a comparatively small cost, and for a long time would serve equally as well. The equipment of such an establishment and the purchase of the necessary cattle would not exceed $3,500 to $4,000 in addition to the cost of the alterations which would be required. The annual upkeep might be estimated roughly as follows:—Food for 12 cattle $700, Upkeep of apparatus, chemicals and incidental expenses $200, Gas $100, Ice $50. An intelligent coolie who could be trained to take charge of the animals, clean apparatus and look after the place generally $120. An European assistant would also be required and instead of engaging an additional man who would devote his whole time to laboratory duties, I should recommend the appointment of the Inspector in charge of the Animal Depot at Kennedy Town as assistant at a salary of $360 per annum in addition to his ordinary pay, as such duties would be entirely outside those of his substantive appointment, and they would also involve a considerable amount of extra time and attention owing to the great care which such work demands. I think this plan would be much better in the first instance than engaging a special man, and is certainly worthy of a trial—besides which, it would be far cheaper. Total estimate per annum for maintenance $1,530, or say in round figures $1,500. Such a system as proposed would if carried out effectively, do away with the necessity of quarantining any animals which might be brought into the Extension from time to time, for the reason that should they carry any infection of rinderpest with them, those already in the Territory having been unoculated would be proof against the disease and so prevent its spreading amongst them as has been the case hitherto. After the inital expense of starting the enterprise had been incurred, the Laboratory might be made self-supporting by imposing a small annual fee of say 40 cents per head for each animal inoculated, which the owners ought to willingly pay for protection against such serious losses as they formerly sustained.

Counting the total number of cattle at present upon the Extension as 4,000 the 40 cents per head would bring in $1,600 per annum, being $100 more than my estimate for maintenance; but even if it were thought advisable to inoculate gratis, which might after all be the better plan, the outlay would be small and would eventually be amply repaid by the results.

The scheme is one of some magnitude and as may be gathered from the forgoing, the majority of the scientific part of the work would fall upon me, both at the Laboratory and also in the New Territory and I trust therefore that should the Government see fit to adopt it, that they will at the same time consider the question of additional remuneration to me for such services.

I am, etc.,
(Sd.) C. VIVIAN LADDS.

M. O. H.—All the cattle in the New Territory should be inoculated against Riderpest *gratis*. It would not be necessary to exclude the few cattle that are brought into the New Territory overland (for the reasons given by Mr. Ladds) so long as some means (such as branding) are used to distinguise the inoculated from the uninoculated cattle and the police are instructed to report any instances of Cattle not inoculated. The Board should I think strongly support Mr. Ladd's inexpensive scheme for a laboratory for the manufacture of the necessary serum.

SELECT COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON LATRINES.

The following report has been circulated among the members of the Board:—

Sir,—We have considered the able report by Mr. Drury on the Latrine and Urinal accommodation of the city and beg to submit the following comments and suggestions thereon.

Para. II. The only practicable way of abolishing the privately owned Latrines is to increase the Government latrines until they fully meet the wants of the community—this matter has been repeatedly urged upon the Government by the Sanitary Board and this Committee can only repeat that, in the opinion of its members, two latrines at least should always be in process of building until the needs of the city are fully met.

With regard to the last paragraph of Para. II, a sub-committe of the Board consisting of the Principal Civil Medical Officer, the Medical Officer of Health and Mr. Edward Osborne have already strongly recommended the appointment of three Inspectors, who, with three Chinese foremen should devote the whole of their time to the abatement of house drainage nuisances. That recommendation was adopted by the Board and forwarded to the Government on the 20th of September, 1899. [illegible]

Para. IV. The suggestion that the night soil coolies should be paid a small fee on delivering at the boats is one that must await the expiration of the present contract which runs until September 30th, 1900. [illegible]

Para. VII. Plans for an underground latrine are now being prepared in the Public Works Department and should the experiment prove a success no doubt other similar latrines will be built in various parts of the city. [illegible]

during recent years. The Committee ... of the opinion that with a view to the ... of the water supply, further experiments might be made with sawdust-filled receptacles, if a few suitable buildings are put up in convenient localities.

(Sd.) R. D. ORMSBY.
EDWARD OSBORNE.
F. CLARK.

Major Brown, R.A.M.C.—I am strongly in favour of underground urinals and latrines being constructed, they are a success in other places so why should not the same result be obtained in Hongkong. Chinese using the bucket system ought to be required to register.

The Captain Superintendent of Police.—Is the statement that the appointment of three Drainage Inspectors was adopted by the Board correct? If it was adopted it must have been by a majority as I did not vote for so large an increase. I think the idea to have a sewage farm at the Peak seems excellent. I see it was adopted by a majority only, two members not voting.

CONTAMINATED WELL.

A sample of water taken from a well at No. 35 Queen's Road, Central, having been submitted to Mr. Browne, the government Analyst, his report certifying that "the water is so tainted with impurities as to be unfit for potable purposes and likely to prove injurious to health" was placed before the Sanitary Board at their meeting to-day. Dr. Clark in the minutes ordering it to be immediately closed and brought the subject up at the meeting for the Board's sanction.

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL GAME.

IN AID OF THE "MISSUS AND KIDS'" FUND.

Yesterday afternoon on the Hongkong Football Club's ground, Happy Valley, the officers and men of the American warships now in harbour gave an exposition of their national game, baseball. By the kind permission of Admiral Seymour the naval massed bands of the fleet under the leadership of Mr. Welsh, bandmaster H.M.S. *Centurion*, were in attendance and played selections during the afternoon. At a rough estimate we should say there were upwards of 1,500 spectators, amongst whom where their Excellencies the Governor, Sir H. Blake, G.C.M.G., Lady Blake, and Major General Gascoigne, C.M.G., the Hon. W. Meigh Goodman, Mr. Rounsevelle Wildman, Consul-General for the United States and many others. Twenty cents was charged for admittance, a dollar extra for entrance to the grand stand and ten cents for a card bearing the names of the players and rules of the game, so we may thank our American cousins for a very nice little addition to the South African Fund, which is all the more acceptable as showing the sympathy of the younger branch of the Anglo-Saxon race for the inhabitants of the mother country and her sons who are fighting for civilisation and progress in a distant land.

As the management very considerately (for the uninitiated) supplied a copy of the rules of the game on the programme, we make no apology for inserting the same, and giving a brief description of the game in general.

RULES OF THE GAME.

1.—Each side has 9 players, whose positions are named below.

2.—The side batting retires after 3 *outs*. When the other side retires also an inning is finished. A complete game consists of nine innings; the side having the largest total score of runs wins.

3.—A fly ball caught puts batsman out. Three strikes puts batsman out when the 3rd strike is caught by catcher. A ball passing over the plate, between the knee and shoulder, counts a strike, whether batsman strikes at it or not. Four *balls* gives batsman his base, a *ball* being called when pitcher delivers too high or too low or not over the base. A batsman struck by the ball takes his base.

4.—A runner is out at first base if he arrives after the ball is received and held by baseman. A runner is out at second, third, and home base if touched while off the base by the ball in baseman's hand, though if he is forced off his base by a runner following, baseman does not have to touch him.

5.—A ball struck by batsman which goes between the straight lines from home plate to first base and home plate to third base is a *fair ball*, and entitles batsmen to try to make his run. A ball struck by batsman which goes outside of these limits is a *foul ball* and does not count.

It will be noticed that the game is very similar to the old English one of rounders. The ground is marked off in the diamond shape, common on playing cards, a base being at each corner, the positions of the fielding side being plainly indicated by the list of players names given below. The batsman is armed with a fairly heavy club, about three feet long, tapering from three inches at the base to a convenient handle. He has to be extremely expert to hit the ball within the required angle, 90 degrees, as the ball going outside this space is declared a foul ball, and while not counting for the batsman is liable to put him out if caught by one of the field. The catcher has the most onerous and dangerous post, standing just behind the batsman and in constant danger of being hit either by the ball or the bat, and as the ball is a hard leather racquet ball and is thrown with the pitcher's full strength it would inflict quite a nasty, stinging blow. To guard against this he is, however, provided with a face guard, similar to those used by fencers, only with heavier wire and no head guard, and wears on his left hand a large padded leather glove. The "pitcher" or as we should call him in English the bowler, throws the ball very swiftly, we won't say *at* the batsman because if he should hit his body the latter is given a base, while if the batsman intentionally allows the ball to hit him then he is out. The umpire stands behind the Pitcher and decides on every point. His job is no sinecure either.

Enough has now been said to enable persons wishing for some new game to try this one, we should strongly recommend the youths of the Colony who wish to cultivate quickness of eye and aim and want healthy exercise and are not afraid of receiving pretty stinging knocks to practice this game. We are sure they would benefit by it.

With our very limited knowledge of the game it would be impertinent to criticise the individual players especially as they were doing a most charitable action, and had not taken part in their national game for many months and so were out of practice, we should not, however, have known this had we not been informed, as the players acquitted themselves in the most laudable manner and we heard many of our young sports remark that very shortly we should be able to have a match between the Hongkongites and their American Cousins—say Hongkong versus Manila, base ball being included in the many other friendly contests these two ports will undoubtedly in the near future hold.

We append the full programme by which it will be seen how the generous offer was made by the leading American citizens in the East and the spirit with which it was received by our rulers and leading commoner. Against the names of the players we have put the number of "home runs" made by each.

PROGRAMME
OF
AMERICAN BASE BALL GAME.

Given by Officers and Crews of the
U.S.S. *Monadnock* (Capt. John McGowan, U.S.N.)
U.S.S. *Baltimore* (Capt. M. Forsyth, U.S.N.)
U.S.S. *Wheeling* (Capt. W. T. Burwell, U.S.N.)

Under the distinguished patronage of
H.E. the Governor, Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G.
H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Seymour, G.C.B.
H.E. Major-General Wm. J. Gascoigne, C.M.G.
Rear-Admiral J. C. Watson, U.S.N.
Hon. Treasurer, Sir Thomas Jackson.
Hon. Manager, Rounsevelle Wildman, M.A., U.S. Consul General.

PLAYERS.

Positions.	*Apaches—Red Jackets.*	*Sioux—White Jackets.*
Catcher	Naval Constructor Hobson	Bugler Wesley
Pitcher	Musician Simons	Plumber Schrode
Short Stop	Paymaster Barber	Ensign Littlefield (Capt.)
First Base	Master Electn. Richardson	Ensign McCormack (2)
Second Base	Paymaster Doherty (Capt.)	Hospital Apprentice Steneker (1)
Third Base	Seaman Lally (1)	Ensign Asserson
Left Field	Pvt. of Marines Tierney	Boiler Maker Danger
Center Field	Sailmarker's Mate Gostello	Surgeon Lippett
Right Field	Apprentice Gallert	Apprentice McNulty
Substitute	Bugler England	Apprentice Langlas

Umpire, Capt. Myers, U.S.M.C. Scorer, Surgeon Dennis.

SCORING SHEET.

	APACHES.	SIOUX.
First Inning	1	3
Second "	1	1
Third "	0	4
Fourth "	4	1
Fifth "	3	1
Sixth "	0	0
Seventh "	0	0
Eighth "	2	6
Ninth "	1	—
Total	12	16

Victory for the 'Sioux' by one innings and four runs.

At the conclusion of the game the band played "Hail Columbia" and "God Save the Queen."

THE "AIRLIE" FLOATED.

Messrs. Gibb Livingstone & Co. inform us that they are in receipt of a telegram to the effect that the s.s. *Airlie* has been floated and is now anchored at Night Island.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

The Hongkong Volunteer Corps had their annual march out and field firing last Wednesday, Chinese New Year. The troops left Head Quarters shortly after 10 a.m. and marched down to North Point Battery with the band leading. Arriving on the ground, facing the harbour where targets and barrels had been moored about 1600 yards from the shore. Two Companies of the Machine gunners took post on the left, the infantry, "D" and "E" Companies on the right and field Battery with the other Company of Maxims in the centre. Very good shooting was made, the targets being found nearly the first round. The Field Battery gunners expressed themselves very well satisfied with their new weapon, this being the first time that they have fired from them. These new guns carry further and are easier to aim with. His Excellency the Governor, in mufti, joined the Corps at North Point and closely criticised the men's behaviour. On the way home tiffen was taken at Bay View Hotel, the Governor sitting down with his brother officers. At Causeway Bay the troops were paraded and marched past His Excellency in a most creditable manner, after which their honorary Colonel formed them up and addressed a few complimentary words of praise, in which he mentioned that considering how seldom the Volunteers were engaged in such exercises their performance that day did them every credit. The Corps then returned to Head Quarters the Governor marching at their head.

FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE.

A quiet wedding took place at 12.30 p.m. to-day at the Cathedral, Mr. E. H. Sharp, Barrister-at-Law, being united to Miss Sarah Shrubsole Cunliffe. The bride, who was given away by the Hon. W. M. Goodman, Acting Chief Justice, was dressed in white and looked sweetly pretty in her bridal attire. The Hon. H.E. Pollock, Acting Attorney General officiated as best man and the ceremony was performed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Victoria, assisted by the Rev. R. F. Cobbold, M.A. After the ceremony Mrs. Vallings sang "The Lord is ever mindful of his own" in her exquisite voice with great expression. Mr. Ward played the happy couple out of Church to the strains of the Wedding March. Amongst those present were Mr. and Mrs. Francis, Lieut. and Mrs. Bagnall-Wilde, Mrs. and the Misses May, Mrs. Francis Clark, Mrs. Bottenheim, Mr. and Mrs. E. Robinson, Mrs W. H. Potts, Commander Kelly R. N. and Mr. Dick-Melbourne. The bride and bridegroom left for Macao by the *Heungshan* this afternoon, Captain Clark having dressed ship for the occasion.

ANECDOTE OF GENERAL WAUCHOPE.

(Communicated.)

It will be remembered by a good few that the late Major-General Wauchope, who fell at the head of the Highland Brigade, contested the seat of the county of Midlothian with Mr. Gladstone in 1891, and, by his striking personality and family claims, secured so many votes among the county electors that he succeeded in lowering the G. O M's, majority at the previous election by over 3,000, although he was not returned.

The brave General was at that time only Major, seconded-in-command in his Regiment, the Black Watch, although Brevet-Colonel in the Army, and it was shortly after the election that the following incident took place, the Black Watch at that time being stationed at Edinburgh.

The Commanding Officer was away on leave, and "Tim," by which name alone Major Wauchope was referred to by his men was in temporary command.

"Tim" was going round the barrackrooms one Saturday morning accompanied by his Adjutant, Quarter-master, &c., doing what is termed "C. O.'s weekly inspection of rooms."

He came to a room occupied by a few N.C.Os. of the Staff Corps, and, as was his wont with rooms not belonging to his own Regiment, was about to pass by the open door when his quick eye caught sight of nothing less than a large life-size portrait of his political rival Mr. Gladstone, hung above one of the beds in the room.

"Tim" at once entered the room and asked whose bed it was, a corporal stepped up and said he was the owner of it.

"Well, Corporal," said "Tim" are you a supporter of Mr. Gladstone?"

"No, Sir," was the answer "I know nothing about Mr. Gladstone's politics, but I admire him for his literary works, particularly his translation, recently published, of the Odes of Horace, and I think he is the cleverest man that ever lived, and that is why I keep his portrait."

"Tim" turned round to the other officers and evidently distinguishing between Gladstone the statesman and Gladstone the man of letters said "Well Captain R.—I really think the corporal is about right."

SHOOTING MATCH.

On Chinese New Year's day a return Shooting Match between teams of 10 men a side of the Hongkong Police, and Naval Yard Police took place on the Association Range and resulted in a second win for the town Police by 27 points. The Naval Yard Police were armed with the Magazine rifle while the town Police had to content themselves with the out-of-date Martini-Henry Carbine. The range was occupied by a shooting party of bluejackets till 3.30 p.m., consequently before the completion of the shooting at the last distance darkness set in, which made good shooting at that distance difficult. In the unavoidable absence of Inspector McNab the town Police team were captained by Inspector Hannah while Inspt. McEwan captained the Naval Yard team. The conditions were 7 rounds at 200, 400, and 500 yards, Bisley rules. The shooting was fairly good considering, with few exceptions, the town Police crack team were not put forward.

Following are the scores:—

TOWN POLICE.

Name.	200 yds.	400 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
Inspt. J. Hannah	27	31	25	83
Sergt. Gauld	26	29	25	80
Sergt. Sim	18	27	16	61
Sergt. Cameron	25	26	16	67
P. C. Johnson	27	23	15	65
" " Earnor	22	22	19	63
" " Clark	25	13	19	57
" " Copland	21	22	14	57
" " Kent	22	19	7	48
" " Quin	9	20	[illegible]	44
				625

NAVAL YARD POLICE.

Name.	200 yds.	400 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
P. C. Pritchard	23	31	27	81
" " Hoggard	25	30	21	76
Inspt. Mr. Ewan	26	30	20	76
P. C. Duncan	29	25	18	72
" " Hammond	22	29	16	67
" " McCawn	19	25	16	60
Sergt. Lamont	24	19	12	55
P. C. Pym	18	16	21	55
" " Lawrence	11	17	18	46
" " Garner	10	0	0	10
				598

THE PLAGUE.

Cases reported to 30th ultimo	7
Do. do. during past 24 hours	1
Total	8
Deaths reported to 30th ultimo	5
Do. do. during past 24 hours	1
Total	6
Cases reported to 31st ultimo	8
Do. do. during past 24 hours	1
Total	9
Deaths reported to 31st ultimo	6
Do. do. during past 24 hours	1
Total	7

TO ASSASSINATE KANG YU-WEI.

PEKING, January 24th.

By special orders of the Empress Dowager twenty-six men have been selected to proceed to Hongkong and elsewhere to capture Kang Yu-wei, the Reform Leader, alive, if possible, or to assassinate him on the spot if capture is not convenient. The first batch of five men left to-day.—*N. C. D. News.*

THE EMPRESS DOWAGER'S LATEST COUP.

WARNINGS.

SHANGHAI, 27th January.

It was reported in local mandarin circles yesterday that Peking telegrams had been received announcing that the Empress Dowager had sent secret decrees to her nephew the generalissimo Jung Lu, and several others whose sympathies are with the deposed Emperor, advising them to resign unless they desired the disgrace of being publicly cashiered and dismissed. In the case of Jung Lu, his disgrace is due more to the blow he gave his Aunt's favourite eunuch the other day than to any decided predilection for the Emperor Kuang Hsü.

THE CLOUD ON THE HORIZON.

A party of some fifty Chinese, members of the *literati*, gentry, and notables hailing from all parts of the Empire, now living in Shanghai, held a secret meeting yesterday in the house of one of them to consider the new situation brought about by the deposition of the Emperor Kuang Hsü. The result was that a number of resolutions were unanimously drawn up, protesting in vigorous language against the treasonous and high-handed proceedings of the Empress Dowager and her advisers, affirming their determination to recognise none but Kuang Hsü as their true Sovereign, and calling upon the notables, gentry, *literati*, and common people of the Empire to make a combined protest, and, if need be, take up arms for the true Emperor. These resolutions, etc., are to be printed and disseminated throughout the length and breadth of China, and already 10,000 copies have been sent for distribution in the Yangtze Valley. We learn that the Association which was formed by the above-noted influential gentlemen yesterday has decided to issue two million copies of these resolutions by the 6th of next month.

"GREAT BRITAIN IS NOWHERE NOW!"

We have been courteously allowed to translate a portion of a very long cypher dispatch received yesterday from Peking by a high mandarin who holds an important post in the capital and who is temporarily staying in Shanghai. The telegram states that had Great Britain no war in South Africa, or had she carried everything before her instead of being repeatedly repulsed, there would never have been any attempt to depose the Emperor Kuang Hsü. The advisers of the Empress Dowager, however, took care lately to arrange matters satisfactorily with the Governments of France and Russia, who have signified that they will do nothing to oppose the election of a new Emperor. When the Empress Dowager was informed by Prince Ch'ing of the success of his negotiations she stamped her foot on the ground and cried: "Good! Great Britain then can do nothing against us." To this Prince Ch'ing replied in a contemptuous tone: "The fools! What if they do try to interfere? We are not afraid: we are now well prepared for every eventuality; what can they do just now, any way? Nothing! Your Majesty must know that Great Britain is nowhere now!" "Then," said the Empress Dowager, "that, of course, settles it"—and the deposition accordingly took place. The partisans of Prince Ch'ing and the Empress Dowager are now armed to the teeth and ready to massacre anyone manifesting sympathy for the unfortunate Kuang Hsü. It has also transpired that Prince Tuan, the father of the Empress Dowager's new Emperor, was opposed to the selection of his son for the Throne, for he is shrewd enough to see that nothing but trouble and danger will be the outcome of all this, which may spell death and ruin to his son, himself, and his house.

ANOTHER PROTEST.

WUCHANG, January 27th.

The forced resignation of the Emperor and the appointment of an heir to the Throne came like a clap of thunder upon the gentry and officials of this city, Hanyang, and Hankow. A memorial was drawn up last night by fifty-three officials of this province at the head of whom are Ts'en Ch'unming, Provincial Judge, the Hanlin Liang Tin-fen and, the Taotai Cheng Hsiao-su, protesting against the violation of the laws of the land by appointing an heir to the Throne of the late Emperor Tung Chih thereby ignoring the present Kuang Hsü. Kuang Hsü wore three year's mourning for Tung Chih as for his father and therefore he was the legal heir to the Throne. The memorial was taken up to Viceroy Chang Chih-tung and Governor Yü Ying-lien by the above-named three officials, asking for their signatures to the document. Governor Yü gladly signed it but Viceroy Chang refused. Upon this the Provincial Judge in great wrath threw his official hat upon the Viceroy's table saying that he had no more wish to serve such a government and that he and his friends who drew up the memorial were going personally to present it at Peking. The Viceroy tried to persuade the Judge to reconsider his words whereupon H.E. Ts'en rose up, and as Viceroy Chang tried to take hold of his arm to make him reseat himself, waved him back and pushing aside the Viceroy marched straight out of the room without paying any more attention to his superior officer. The fifty-three officials concerned start by the first steamer for Shanghai *en route* to Peking. It is stated that they fully expect to be executed by the furious Empress Dowager but they are prepared for every eventuality.—*N. C. Daily News.*

SHIPPING REPORTS.

Captain R. W. Almond, of the steamship *Diamante*, from Manila, reports:—Fine clear weather with N.E. and E. winds. In company with steamship *Changsha* from date of leaving till arriving.

Captain D. C. Nicklos, of the American barque *Emily Reed*, from Singapore, reports:—Came East about, through Java sea, Pitts and Jilola passage, had light and variable winds and strong N.E. monsoon through Pacific, with rough northerly sea.

Captain T. Moore, of the steamship *Changsha*, from Sydney, &c., reports:—Leaving Sydney on the 3rd ulto. meeting with moderate N.E. winds and sea to Sandy Cape, calling at the usual Queensland ports, Thursday Island was reached on the 13th, left for Port Darwin on the 14th arriving on the 17th, left on the 19th meeting with moderate to light variable winds and fine weather to Manila arriving on the 26th, leaving on the 30th. Hongkong was reached on the 2nd inst. moderate to fresh N.N.E. winds and considerable N.E. sea was met with across the China sea.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY.

Meteorological means based on fifteen years' observations to 1898.

Barometer	30.141
Thermometer	57.3
Humidity	79.0
Rainfall	1.76

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.07	29.97
Temperature	60	63
Humidity	83	80
Rainfall	0.02	—

TO-DAY.

Friday, 2nd February, 1900.

Chinese—*3rd of 1st moon of 26th year of Kwang-sü.*
Sun—*Rises* ..... *6hr. 41min.*
Sets ..... *5hr. 47min.*
Moon—*New Moon 8hr. 59 a.m.*
High water—*Morning* ..... *11hr. 35min.*
Afternoon ..... *11hr. 27min.*
Low water—*Morning* ..... *5hr. 14min.*
Afternoon ..... *4hr. 57min.*

ANNIVERSARIES.

1830—Marquis of Salisbury born.
1872—The New German Club at Hongkong opened.
1882—Mr. Chater appointed Masonic District Grand Master of S. China.
1896—Sharp earthquakes in Japan.
1896—Investigation opened at Pretoria into charges against Reform Committee.
1897—Venezuelan Arbitration Treaty signed.
1897—The steamer *Sanku Maru* run down by a N. Y. K. S. S.; 50 lives lost.
1898—British force routed the rebels at Mekran (Beluchistan.)

TO-MORROW.

Saturday, 3rd February, 1900.

Chinese—*4th of 1st moon of 26th year of Kwang-sü.*
Sun—*Rises* ..... *6hr. 41min.*
Set ..... *5hr. 46min.*
High water—*Morning* ..... *10hr. 50min.*
Afternoon ..... *9hr. 55min.*
Low water—*Morning* ..... *4hr. 23min.*
Afternoon ..... *3hr. 21min.*

ANNIVERSARIES.

1814—Great eruption of Mayon volcano in Philippines.
1841—Inhabitants of Hongkong declared British subjects.
1843—Foundation stone of Masonic Hall laid.
1878—Armed attack by Chinese robbers on Ap-lichow.
1895—Wei-hai-wei citadel captured by the Japanese.
1897—Chinese Imperial Post Office opened.

AGENDA.

TO-DAY.

N. P. R. steamer *Tacoma* leaves for Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma.
Cargo ex *Ceylon* subject to rent.

TO-MORROW.

English mail steamer *Clyde* due.
Noon—P. and O. steamer *Valetta* with mails for Europe.
P. and O. steamer *Rosetta* leave for Japan.

MONDAY, 5th.

3, 3.15 and 3.30 p.m.—Auction sales of Crown lands, Hau Fung Lane, Morrison Hill Gap and Wong Nei Chong Road, at P. W. D. offices.

TUESDAY, 6th.

Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Mendaus* leaves for London.
Noon—Eleventh Ordinary meeting of the Kowloon Land and Building Co. Ld. at their offices, Victoria Buildings.
Cargo ex *Braemar* subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, 7th.

Noon—Imperial German Mail steamer *Sachsen* leaves, with mails, for Europe.
Noon—Ninth Annual Meeting of the Hongkong Ice Co., Ld. at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s offices.
4.30 Football—H. K. F. C. (A) *v.* Sergeants of R. W. F.
Cargo ex steamer *Chusan* subject to rent.

THURSDAY, 8th.

Noon—Extraordinary meeting of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co.'s Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co.'s offices.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

American (*Gaelic*) to-morrow.
English (*Clyde*) to-morrow.
Indian (*Lightning*) 6th inst.
German (*Sachsen*) 6th inst.
German (*Bayern*) 7th inst.
Australian (*Australian*) 12th inst.
American (*Hongkong Maru*) 13th inst.
American (*Algoa*) 20th inst.

The E. & A. steamer *Australian* from Sydney &c. left Port Darwin to-day for this port.

The Oriental Steamer *Carmarthenshire* left Shimonoseki yesterday morning, and is due in Hongkong on 6th inst.

The N. P. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Goodwin* sailed from Tacoma for Japan and Hongkong on the 31st January.

The N. Y. K.'s steamer *Sado Maru* Europe Line left Singapore for this port to-day 2nd inst. and is expected to arrive on the 7th inst.

The N. Y. K.'s steamer *Hitachi Maru* Europe Line left Kobe, *via* Moji for this port on the 31st ulto., and is expected to arrive on the 7th inst.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Isla de Cuba	at	Kowloon	Dock
Isla de Luzon	"	"	"
Kwengang	"	"	"
U.S.S. Monadnock	"	"	"
U.S.S. Iris	"	"	"
Wongkoi	"	"	"
Hongkong	"	"	"
Trafalgar	"	"	"
D. Juan d'Austria	"	Cosmopolitan	"
Menmuir	"	"	"
Daphne	"	"	"

Shipping.

Arrivals.

PROGRESS, German steamer, 687, P. Brandt, 31st Jan.,—Touron 28th Jan., Rice, Coal and General.—Chinese.

VALETTA, British steamer, 2,948, F. N. Tillard, 1st Feb.,—Shanghai 30th Jan., Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

BROOKLYN, American flagship, ——, Admiral Watson, 1st Feb.,—Manila 29th January.

AMIGO, German steamer, 771, J. Bendixen, 1st Feb., Haiphong 30th Jan., Rice and Straw.—Jebsen & Co.

EMILY REED, American ship, 1,466, D. C. Nicklos, 1st Feb.,—Singapore 11th Dec., Petroleum.—Standard Oil Co.

ATAGASAN MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,353, Tasaka, 1st Feb.,—Swatow 30th Jan., Ballast.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

KAGOSHIMA MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,710, R. Nunome, 1st Feb.,—Yokohama 26th Jan., and Moji 27th, General.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

HAINAN, German steamer, 648, F. Clausen, 1st Feb.,—Moji 27th Jan., Coal.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

DIAMANTE, British steamer, 1,225, R. W. Almond, 2nd Feb.,—Manila 31st January, General.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.

IDZUMI MARU, Japanese steamer, 3,235, M. J. Curnow, 2nd Feb.,—Moji 25th Jan., General and Coal.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

CHANGSHA, British steamer, 1,463, T. Moore, 2nd Feb.,—Sydney 3rd Jan., Port Darwin 19th, and Manila 30th, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

GLENOGLE, British steamer, 2,399, J. Hutcheon, 2nd Feb.,—Moji 28th Jan., Coal.—Dodwell & Co., Ld.

SHANSI, British steamer, 1,250, Carnaghan, 2nd Feb.,—Samarang 22nd Jan., Sugar.—Butterfield & Swire.

PAKSHAN, British steamer, 1,275, J. Jenkins, 2nd Feb.,—Saigon 29th Jan., Rice and Meal.—Bradley & Co.

DEUTEROS, German steamer, 1,001, E. Petersen, 2nd Feb.,—Saigon 28th Jan., Rice.—Siemssen & Co.

PHRA CHULA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,012, E. E. McLellan, 2nd Feb.,—Bangkok 25th Jan., General.—Butterfield & Swire.

CLARA, German steamer, 675, A. Hansen, 2nd Feb.,—Haiphong and Hoihow 1st Jan., General.—Jebsen & Co.

BENGLOE, British steamer, 1,993, A. W. S. Thomson, 2nd Feb.,—Kutchinotzu 30th Jan., General.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

KALGAN, British steamer, 1,158, P. Bennett, 2nd Feb.,—Wuhu 27th Jan., Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.

MENELAUS, British steamer, 3,006, W. Towell, 2nd Feb.,—Shanghai 30th Jan., General.—Butterfield & Swire.

NESTOR, British steamer, 2,417, W. Asquith, 2nd Feb.,—Singapore 27th Jan., General.—Butterfield & Swire.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Kagoshima Maru, Japanese str., for Singapore.
Kongnam, British str., for Canton.
Asturia, German str., for Shanghai.
Broadmayne, British str., for Pulo Sembilan.
Tacoma, British str., for Shanghai.
Teenkai, British str., for Shanghai.

Departures.

Feb. 1, *Tailee*, German str., for Foochow.
Feb. 2, *Chusan*, British str., for Shanghai.
Feb. 2, *Camorta*, British str., for Amoy.
Feb. 2, *Æolus*, British str., for Guam.
Feb. 2, *China*, German str., for Saigon.
Feb. 2, *Stanfield*, British bark, for Rajang.
Feb. 2, *Silesia*, German str., for Singapore.
Feb. 2, *Fushun*, Chinese str., for Canton.
Feb. 2, *Burdon*, British str., for Elephant Point.
Feb. 2, *Hakuai Maru*, Japanese str., for Amoy.
Feb. 2, *Kagoshima Maru*, Jap. str., for S'pore.
Feb. 2, *Woosung*, British str., for Canton.

Passengers—Arrived.

Per *Idzumi Maru*, from Moji—Mr. Thos. Canty, Mrs. E. Livingstan, Miss Helme Livingstan, and 29 Chinese.

Per *Diamante*, from Manila—Mr. Young, Mrs. J. S. Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Earnshaw, 2 children and servant, Mr. and Mrs. Stuly, child and 2 servants, Messrs. Max. Pactow, Y. Van Sant, N. G. Van Sant, A. B. Teyre, Capt. Byron, U.S.A., Mr. Albert Field, 3 Japanese and 2 Chinese.

Per *Valetta*, from Shanghai for Hongkong—Messrs. Hoders, Finam, Haeling, Hillier and servant, Reid and servant, Tam, Sun Han Chong, Ching Paid Dia, Chang Kew Teb, Letton, Schneider, Shepherd, Sample, and 5 Chinese. From Singapore—Mr. Ho Kwon Tong and servant. For Marseilles—Misses Powell, Eacott, Taylor, Rev. and Mrs. Hill and child, Mrs. and 2 Masters Protheroe, Master R. Jackson, and Mr. G. W. Whillier. For London—Rev. and Mrs. Randle, Misses Randle (2), and Master Randle.

Per *Pakshan*, from Saigon—10 Chinese.

Per *Progress*, from Touron—6 Chinese.

Per *Nestor*, from Singapore—33 Chinese.

Per *P. C. C. Klao*, from Bangkok—Mr. Jopson, and 11 Chinese.

Per *Glenogle*, from Moji—Mrs. Miller and 3 daughters, and 2 Chinese.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

Names.	*From.*	*Due.*
Gaelic	Shanghai	To-morrow
Clyde	Singapore	To-morrow
City of London	Japan	Feb. 4th
Sachsen	Shanghai	Feb. 6th
Bayern	Colombo	Feb. 7th
Sikh	Japan	Feb. 10th
Australian	Port Darwin	Feb. 12th
Hongkong Maru	San Francisco	Feb. 13th
Algoa	San Francisco	Feb. 20th

We would direct the attention of shipping firms to the style in which "Steamers Expected" and "Projected Sailings" are now published in these columns, and in so doing respectfully urge the managers of shipping firms to give orders to their clerks to furnish this office, on the forms already supplied gratis with the latest available information every day.

PROJECTED SAILINGS.

Ship.	*Destination.*	*Date.*
Abergeldie	Portland, &c.	Feb. 13th
Alesia	Havre, &c.	Mar. 4th
Algoa	San Francisco, &c.	Mar. 1st
America Maru	San Francisco, &c.	April 14th
Asturia	New York	Mar. 20th
Babelsberg	Havre, &c.	Feb. 18th
Bayern	Straits, &c.	Mar. 7th
Belgian King	San Diego, &c.	Feb. 21st
Birchfield	New York	Feb. 27th
Candia	Japan	Feb. 25th
Canton	London	Feb. 22nd
Carmarthenshire	San Diego, &c.	Feb. 10th
Changsha	Kobe	Feb. 5th
China	San Francisco, &c.	Mar. 3rd
City of Rio	San Francisco, &c.	Mar. 27th
Clyde	Shanghai	Feb. 3rd
Coptic	San Francisco, &c.	April 5th
Doric	San Francisco, &c.	Mar. 10th
Diamante	Manila	Feb. 6th
Emp. China	Vancouver, &c.	April 4th
Emp. India	"	Feb. 14th
Emp. Japan	"	Mar. 14th
Formosa	Amoy & Tamsui	Feb. 4th
Gaelic	San Francisco, &c.	Feb. 13th
Glenogle	Victoria, B.C.	Feb. 10th
Guthrie	Sydney, &c.	Feb. 20th
Haiching	Swatow, &c.	Feb. 4th
Hamburg	Straits, &c.	May 16th
Hitachi Maru	Marseilles, &c.	Feb. 9th
Holsatia	Havre, &c.	Feb. 11th
Hongkong Maru	San Francisco, &c.	Feb. 22nd
Idzumi Maru	Victoria, B.C.	Feb. 12th
Java	Shanghai, &c.	Feb. 24th
Kong Albert	Straits, &c.	April 4th
Lady Joicey	San Diego, &c.	Mar. 31st
Menelaus	London	Feb. 6th
Nippon Maru	San Francisco, &c.	Mar. 20th
Oldenburg	Straits, &c.	Feb. 21st
Preussen	Straits, &c.	May 2nd
Prinz Heinrich	Straits, &c.	May 30th
Pyrrhus	Liverpool	Feb. 14th
Queen Eleanor	New York	Feb. 11th
Radnorshire	Shanghai	Feb. 5th
Rosetta	Japan	Feb. 3rd
Sachsen	Straits, &c.	Feb. 7th
Sarpedon	London	Mar. 6th
Savoia	Havre, &c.	Mar. 16th
Stentor	London	Feb. 20th
Stuttgart	Straits, &c.	Mar. 21st
Sungkiang	Manila	Feb. 5th
Tamsui Maru	Swatow, &c.	Feb. 4th
Teenkai	London	Mar. 14th
Thyra	San Diego, &c.	Mar. 6th
Tsinan	Port Darwin, &c.	Feb. 13th
Valetta	Europe, &c.	Feb. 3rd
Wakasa Maru	Marseilles, &c.	Feb. 23rd
Weimar	Straits, &c.	April 18th

NATURE'S REASON FOR PAIN.

When one of Dr. Abernethy's patients remarked that it gave him great pain to lift his hand to his head, that eminent physician responded that, in such case, he was a fool for doing it. The observation was both banal and unprofessional. The very fact that the act was painful indicated a condition calling for medical treatment; and to provide *that*, if he could, was the doctor's duty.

Still, one might get on in comparative comfort without lifting his hand to his head, if that were the only source of pain about him. But when a bodily operation which is *absolutely indispensable to life*, becomes constantly painful, the situation is vastly more serious. And that was what happened to Mrs. Emma Elwen, as related in her letter herewith printed for our information.

"In the spring of 1889," she says, "I began to feel weak and ailing. From being a strong, healthy woman, I gradually lost all my strength and energy. My appetite was poor, and *all food gave me pain*."

Be good enough for a moment to fix your mind on that statement. Nature has so arranged that all necessary acts or movements of the body shall be painless, if not distinctly pleasurable. Were it otherwise, we should avoid them to the extent of our power, and so produce incalculable mischief. And, above all, the act and consequences of eating were meant to be, and, in health, are, one of the highest of our physical enjoyments. This lady having suffered from her food, then, signifies a state of things unnatural and dangerous.

"I had fulness and pain at the chest," she continues, "between the shoulders and down my back. I had also a deal of pain at my side, and my heart palpitated so much that I got but little sleep or rest on account of it. My breathing was short and difficult. I was unable to do any house-work, and often wished I were dead."

The words, "I wish I were dead," are often on the lips of the victims of what seems to be hopeless disease, and they are sad and chilling words to fall on the ears of those of us who love them. They make us look despairingly around for the help which is so slow to come, and too frequently never comes at all. Is there, then, *no* medicine which has power to save?

"I grew to be so weak," adds the writer, "that I was from time to time confined to my bed, and at other times had to lie down on the couch. I lost flesh rapidly, and was like a mere skeleton—my clothes *hanging* upon me. For three years I suffered in this way, no medicine that I took doing me any good.

"In February, 1892, the Rev. Mr. Knight, of Bishop Auckland, recommended me to take Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup. Acting on his advice I procured a bottle from the Co-operative Stores at Bishop Auckland, and after taking it I began to improve. My appetite returned, and food agreed with me, and I felt easier than I had done for years. The pain at my heart was less severe, and I gained strength every day.

"Seeing this, I continued to use this remedy, and gradually I recovered my health, *gaining three stone weight*. Since that time I have kept in good health. My husband has also benefited by the use of Mother Seigel's Syrup when suffering from indigestion. You are at liberty to publish this statement as you like. (Signed) (Mrs.) Emma Elwen, Primrose Hill, Newfield, Wellington, near Durham, October 30th, 1896."

If Mrs. Elwen were the only woman in the district wherein she lives who had suffered in this manner, the fact should excite the interest of the intelligent reader, but there are multitudes of others all over the land, all over the world. Her ailment was not heart disease, it was not any form of consumption, it was not rheumatism. It was dyspepsia—the disease that counterfeits most others and has many of their most painful symptoms. It is idle to say that dyspepsia might be prevented, for we are not yet wise and careful enough to prevent it. Some day we may be. At present, however, it is inspiring to know that Mother Seigel's Syrup cures it even in its worst stages. Still, it is better to cure it when it *first appears*. Watch yourself, and use the Syrup *on the day your food and you do not agree*.—[ADVT.]

Intimations.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 6th February, 1900, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1899.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 27th January, to TUESDAY, the 6th February, (both days inclusive) during which period NO Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to
The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Limited,
Agents for
The Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1900. [70b

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, Pedder Street, at NOON, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th of February, to receive a Statement of the Company's Account to the 31st December, 1899, and the Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 28th instant to the 7th February, both day inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1900 [108b

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Limited, will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central, on THURSDAY, the 8th day of February, 1900, at NOON, when the SUBJOINED RESOLUTIONS which were passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 23rd of January, 1900, will be submitted for Confirmation.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. "That the Capital of the Company be increased to $2,000,000 by the creation and issue of 30,000 New Shares of $20 each."
2. "That the Commission of the General Managers be reduced to 5 per cent. and that the figure "8" in the Sixth paragraph of Article XI of the Articles of Association of the Company be struck out and the figure "5 substitued therefor."

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1900. [121b

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation, will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 17th day of February, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1899.

By order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1900. [105b

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 26th February, 1900, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to 26th February, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1900. [127b

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's Street, on THURSDAY, the 1st day of March, 1900, at 12 o'clock (NOON), to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1899, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th February to the 1st March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1900. [129b

Notice of Firms.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

DURING the TEMPORARY ABSENCE from the Colony of the Undersigned, MR. E. C. LANE will SIGN for the Secretary.

By order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1900. [120b

NOTICE.

THE WANCHAI GODOWNS.

WE the Undersigned have This Day been appointed AGENTS for the above Godowns, all Applications for Storage of Goods should be made to us.

T. RAUCHENSTEIN & CO.,
12, Beaconsfield Arcade.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. [20a

~~THE WANCHAI GODOWNS.~~

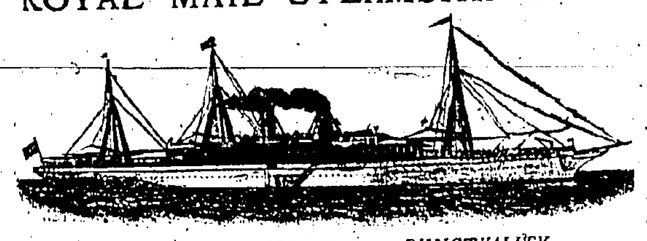
WE have This Day appointed Messrs. T. RAUCHENSTEIN & CO. to be AGENTS for the above Godowns, all Applications for Storage of Goods should be made to them.

TANG LAP TING.
MOK KUN HUI.
MOK YEUK LIM.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. [21b

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

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SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)

Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons - 10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF INDIA ...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 14th February.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R. ....WEDNESDAY, 14th March.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 4th April.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide, Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to
D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1900. [3

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Glenogle	3,750	R. D. Jones	Feb. 10.

ALSO FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Aberyldie	3,777	J. Murray	Feb. 13.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by the Line,

HONGKONG TO LONDON £47.

Excellent accommodation. First-class Tables. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK £41.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA £28.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Or. (whichever may be the destination of the Steamer).

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.
General Agents.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1900. [4

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO, *VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS, and HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, &c.

Carmarthenshire	2,929	about	Feb. 10
Belgian King ...	3,379	about	Feb. 21
Thyra.....	3,406	about	Mar. 6
Lady Joicey	3,406	about	Mar. 31

THE Steamship

"CARMARTHENSHIRE,"

will be despatched for SAN DIEGO and SAN FRANCISCO, VIA KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on or about SATURDAY, the 10th February.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the OFFICE until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For futher information as to Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, China and Japan.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1900. [28

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"VALETTA,"

Captain F. N. Tillard, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port for BOMBAY, &c., TO-MORROW, the 3rd instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *viâ* Bombay with Transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1900. [5

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE; VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).	Tuesday, 13th Feb., at Noon.
Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).	Saturday, 10th Mar., at Noon.
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).	Thursday, 5th April, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"GAELIC,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 13th February, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. - *This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd, January, 1900. [2

Mails.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
HITACHI MARU ..... R. C. Tod	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.....	FRIDAY, 9th Feb., at Daylight.
*IDZUMI MARU ..... M. J. Curnow.....	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., VIA SHANGHAI (WOOSUNG), KOBE and YOKOHAMA	MONDAY, 12th Feb., at 4 P.M.
WAKASA MARU ..... J. B. MacMillan	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.....	FRIDAY, 23rd Feb., at Daylight.

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1900. [6

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. (*Freight Service.*)



HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE. (*Freight Service.*)

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE; BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	
HOLSATIA ..... Bahle	HAVRE and HAMBURG VIA COLOMBO. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 11th February.	Freight.
*BABELSBERG ... Pfaff.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 18th February.	Freight and Passage.
ALESIA..... Knuth	BORDEAUX, HAVRE & HAMBURG. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 4th March.	Freight.
*SAVOIA ..... Jäger	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 16th March.	Freight and Passage.
ASTURIA..... Hildebrandt	NEW YORK. (via SUEZ CANAL.)	About 20th March.	Freight.

* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For further Particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.

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TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, *VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Thursday, 22nd Feb., at Noon.
NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Tuesday, 20th March, at Noon.
AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Saturday, 14th April, at Noon.

THE Steamship

"HONGKONG MARU,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 22nd February, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1900. [7

U.S. MAIL LINE. PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Algoa (via Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Thursday, 1st March, at Noon.
China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Saturday, 3rd March, at Noon.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, 27th March, at Noon.

(* Taking Cargo only.)

THE U.S. Mail Chartered Steamship

"ALGOA,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on/or about THURSDAY, the 1st March, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States of Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNITED PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officers in the service of China and Japan; and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Franscisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1900. [7

Mails.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON, 1900.

NOTICE.

THE Undermentioned Vessels will sail from CHINA DIRECT FOR MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

STEAMERS.	Tons.	LEAVE. S'hai.	H'kong.	S'pore.
Parramatta..	4886	Mar. 27	Mar. 31	April 6
Massilia ...	5026	April 10	April 14	April 20

For Freight or Passage, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent, Hongkong.

4th December, 1899. [23

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

PARTIALLY DECKED CENTRE BOARD YACHT *GEISHA*. Length over all 20' 6", Water Line 17' 3", Beam 5'. All Lead Ballast. At present in cruising order.

For Particulars, apply to
"X,"
c/o This Office.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. [116b

Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. No. 22.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on MONDAY, the 5th day of February, 1900, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 20th January, 1900 [123b

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 5th day of February, 1900, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 21 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.E.	S.W.	S.E.	N.W.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
6	Garden Lot No. 7.	HauFung Lane, Queen's Road East.	39	45	184	81 / 30 / 43	4,944	88	930

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. No. 23.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on MONDAY, the 5th day of February, 1900, at 3.15 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 20th January, 1900. [124b

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 5th day of February, 1900, at 3.15 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Morrison Hill Gap, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the QUEEN, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	E.	S.	W.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
7	Inland Lot No. 2378.	Morrison Hill Gap.	380	117.6 / 212 / 200.9	52	66	22,650	260	7,030

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. No. 24.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on MONDAY, the 5th day of February, 1900, at 3.30 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 20th January, 1900. [125b

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 5th day of February, 1900, at 3.30 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the QUEEN for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	E.	S.	W.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
8	Inland Lot No. 2377.	Wood Nai Chung Road.	66	60	8	8	16,030	284	7,010

JAPANESE TOPICS.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

YOKOHAMA, 22nd January.

In my last letter I mentioned that a movement was on foot in political circles in Japan for a strong amalgamation of different political bodies under the leadership of Marquis Ito, but that it was probable Marquis Ito would decline to give his support to the scheme. On the 10th inst. Mr. Hoshi, Liberal leader, had an interview with Maquis Ito, when the latter said the Government had been able to surmount many difficulties with the assistance of the Liberals, and he should strongly advise the latter to continue working with the Government, at any rate through the present session of the Diet. Marquis Ito also assured Mr. Hoshi, it is said, that he would exert what influence he possessed to induce the Tosa Liberals (the chief agitators for a reconstruction of the Cabinet) to keep quiet until the session is over. The Tosa (Count Itagaki's section) and the Hoshi Liberals have been for a long time at loggerheads, but they apparently now wish to work together, with Marquis Ito as leader and Count Itagaki in second place. If such a wish were consummated it would greatly strengthen the Liberals; but, judging by Marquis Ito's utterances, he is very unlikely to support the movement.

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A meeting of the land renters in the former Foreign Settlement of Yokohama, called by the International Committee, was held here on the 19th inst. to consider the present position and to take such steps as might appear desirable in their interest. There were about one hundred land renters present, and as it was a most important meeting I give a resume of the proceedings, leaving out discussions and superfluous matter, my information being gathered from reports as published in the local papers. The Chairman, Mr H. T. Holm, said: Among the many momentous questions which have presented themselves in connection with the inauguration of the new *regime* one of the most important was that dealing with the registration and transfer of landed property and the law of the present treaties. It was found that the necessary machinery of law for registering and transferring perpetual leases was not provided in the Japanese law as it then stood. Everything being new to foreigners as well as to Japanese it was generally believed that things would right themselves bye and bye, and beyond some individual movements and a general report to the foreign Consuls and Ministers, or to some of them, no concerted action was taken for several months. Towards the end of last year, when the grievous consequences of the non-settlement of this question made themselves more and more apparent, the International Committee took it upon themselves to address His Excellency the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Viscount Aoki, on this subject, and to solicit his good offices in the matter.

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In the letter referred to it was pointed out that although the new treaties between Japan and foreign countries provide that "existing leases in perpetuity under which property is now held in the foreign settlement shall be confirmed and no conditions whatsoever other than those contained in such existing leases shall be imposed in respect of such property, yet no such confirmation had hitherto been made; also that no means had been provided for the registration of transfers, mortgages or successions of property since five months before." It was also pointed out that the Japanese Courts where leases under superficies can be registered take no cognisance of Settlement perpetual leases and only offer to register them as "superficies." Consequent upon these difficulties the values of property in the former Foreign Settlement has been greatly unsettled, and a general feeling of distrust and uncertainty has been created, which has a very injurious effect, tending to prevent the further introduction of foreign capital into Japan, and rendering former Settlement property unsaleable. Such a result, after treaty revision, was felt to be not in accordance with the wishes of the Imperial Japanese Government, for His Excellency the Minister President of State on August 4th said that the foreign residents would not suffer any inconvenience under the new conditions, and the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs said on April 10th that the foreign residents could entrust with confidence their persons and property to the safe guarding of the Japanese authorities.

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Towards the end of December an Imperial Ordinance was issued which, according to the opinion of the Japanese Minister should prove satisfactory to the members of the foreign community, and the Minister accompanied this by a verbal assurance that the Imperial Government never intended to in any way encroach upon treaty rights, and that the delay was due to some difficulty in connection with determining form only. As for this Imperial Ordinance the general consensus of opinion appears to be that the situation has not been much improved by it. The only difference, as compared with the state of things existing previously is that instead of one they have now two kinds of superficies—one a superficies pure and simple and another one with "perpetual lease" in brackets attached to it. In some quarters it is advanced that the superficies as now offered is, if anything, even better than the former perpetual lease. The Chairman at the meeting said he did not propose to pass an opinion on a question of this kind, about which even law students had so far been unable to agree, but he could not but share the fear that this double kind of superficies in the future might give rise to mistakes and create confusion and insecurity, which could easily be avoided if the whole matter was once for all put in indisputable language.

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The wording of the Treaties themselves is perfectly clear and precise on this point, namely, "Existing leases in perpetuity under which property is now held in the foreign settlements shall be confirmed, and no conditions whatsoever other than those contained in such existing leases be imposed in respect of such property." In addition to this it appears only reasonable that the old accustomed perpetual leases, which have given satisfaction and security for upwards of forty years, should be preferred to something new and as yet untried, the more so as the acceptance of superficies in any shape or form would practically mean an amendment of the Treaties. Transactions in property have been suspended for six months or more, and it is hoped that the Japanese Government will put matters again on a confidence-inspiring and working basis without further delay. The officials of the Courts of Law, where these matters have to be dealt with in the first instance, have at present only the law as it reads to guide them, and they are apt to ignore treaty stipulations.

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Speaking at the meeting Mr. W. B. Walter quoted the wording of the Treaties on the question of leases in perpetuity and said that the form of lease which it was proposed they should accept, namely, superficies, was not the tenure on which they had held their land hitherto, and as the Treaty expressly called for the confirmation of the existing leases the foreign land renters would like to see that confirmation given as quickly as possible in order that they should feel the same confidence in their existing leases as they had felt hitherto. There was another matter which he thought merited attention. The Japanese legal authorities had proposed to levy on the buildings which were situated on their land certain municipal and local taxes. Included in these taxes were the cost of maintaining roads and drains. In connection with that matter the speaker read the following extract from the Land Regulations of Kanagawa for August, 1860, which he believed were the earliest regulations on the subject:—"The proprietorship of the soil being vested in the Japanese Government the streets, roads and ditches will at all times be kept in thorough order and repair and sewers or drains will be made when necessary by the Japanese Government and no tax will be levied on renters in the foreign quarter for this purpose."

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The same speaker proposed the following resolution which was carried unanimously:—

"It is resolved by this meeting of land renters of the former Foreign Settlement of Yokohama that the following facts be brought to the notice of the Imperial Japanese Government:—

"1.—That although the revised treaties provide that the existing Government leases in perpetuity of foreign settlement property shall be confirmed, steps have not yet been taken by the Government to confirm them, and the laws of Japan appear to contemplate their compulsory conversion into a new and different kind of right, which is called "superficies."

"2.—That under existing laws the right of perpetual lease is not recognised, and since the coming into operation of the revised treaties the holders of such leases have been unable to sell or mortgage their land except on the terms of allowing the leasehold interest to be registered as a "superficies," which they have been and are unwilling to do.

"3.—That the non-recognition of what foreigners conceived to be a right plainly secured to them by their title deeds and by treaty, has resulted in a general feeling of insecurity and is stopping all sales and mortgages of former foreign settlement property and is threatening such property with a very serious depreciation in value.

"4.—That in order to remedy the evils of the situation and to restore confidence it is most desirable that the Imperial Japanese Government shall at once confirm the aforesaid leases in perpetuity and make all necessary provisions for their recognition by law, and for the registration of them under a separate designation.

"5.—That properties held by foreigners in the former foreign settlements have been made subject to new conditions and taxes and charges from which in the opinion of this meeting, the revised treaties were intended the exempt them.

"And it is further resolved that copies of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to His Imperial Japanese Majesty's Minister for Foreign Affairs through the usual channels."

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Mr. W. W. Till proposed: "That the report of this meeting be forwarded to leading newspapers and Chambers of Commerce in Europe and America for publication in order that land renters absent from Japan may become acquainted with the condition of property in this country held by aliens." This resolution was carried with only three dissentients. It was then proposed to form a committee to forward the resolutions, etc., and finally each nationality elected its own representative, the result being as follows:—American, Mr. T. Lindsay; British, Mr. W.W. Till; German, Mr. M. Pors; Italian, Mr. C. Ginsani; French, Mr. P. Sarda; Netherlands, Mr. H. Klingen; Swiss, Mr. T. Colomb; Denmark, Mr. Mr. V. Blad.

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The meeting I have briefly summarised was not held for the purpose of raising an outcry against the new conditions and burdens which the authorities sought to impose in relation to immoveable property within the former Foreign Settlement held by foreigners, but was, I take it, held, in a perfectly friendly spirit towards the Japanese, merely to strengthen the hands of certain British property holders whose legal adviser had previously been in correspondence with H. B. M. Consul and Minister upon the subjects under discussion at the meeting. The words "through the usual channels" (which were added to the principal resolution on an amendment) might, I think, well have been omitted. Had they not been added the resolution could have been sent direct to the Japanese Minister for Foreign affairs, but now it must be forwarded to representatives of eight different nationalities, and it is not certain that those Ministers will accept or recognise a resolution coming from an international meeting.

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The Imperial Ordinance published in the *Official Gazette* of December 28th, 1899, (a translation of which I have before me) does not to my mind satisfactorily settle this difficulty of registering transfers of perpetual leases. It in each case after the word "superficies" gives the words "right of perpetual lease" in parentheses, but what is there to prevent that law being abolished or altered a year or so hence? and if it were altered or abolished what would foreigners do who were left simply with a superficies after having registered under the double term? It appears to me they would not be able to fall back upon the provisions of the treaties, and it is well, therefore, that the land renters here are taking action to have the pledge given in the revised treaties fulfilled. I have no doubt that ultimately the matter will be satisfactorily arranged, but in the meanwhile there is a complete block in land transactions and inconvenience in consequence of the heavy depreciation resulting from the uncertainty of the tenure.

WAR NEWS BY WIRE.

(From Our Exchanges.)

The Colonials.

LONDON, January 9th.

Modder River, January 6th.—The Queenslanders and the Canadians have been so energetic in the neighbourhood of Belmont that a large belt across the Free States has been deserted by the Boers. It is the more surprising, therefore, that the rebels surprised by Colonel Pilcher dared to camp close by, and within 40 miles of Lord Methuen. Records taken by Colonel Pilcher from the captured Sunnyside laager disclose the political standing of every man in a wide district. The success of the Colonials is viewed with pride by every branch of the Regulars, and will produce good effect on both loyal and disloyal colonists.

Ladysmith.

General Buller contented himself during Saturday's fighting at Ladysmith with a simultaneous demonstration consisting of a march of two miles to Colenso, and extension for attack, which the Artillery utilised to bombard the Boer positions, after which the force marched back to Chieveley. The result of General White's messages, following upon last week's operations elsewhere, has been to strengthen confidence at home.

Rensberg.

A very brilliant charge by 28 men of the Inniskillings is reported from Rensberg. They were opposed by 500 of the enemy, who sought to intercept them. They succeeded in cutting their way through, losing seven men in the attempt. There were several narrow escapes.

The General in Cape Town reports on Saturday that General French reports that the tactical and strategic position is unaltered. The Boer doctors admit heavy Boer losses. The Essex regiment has been sent to replace the Suffolks.

Kruger and Cronje.

January, 13th.

A Laffan's Agency telegram reports that Kruger and Cronje are urging, against the majority, the abandonment of a defensive policy at the Modder River and an attack on Lord Methuen's force.

The Colonials.

General Gatacre has issued an order congratulating the detachment of thirty Colonial Mounted Infantry on their courage in keeping the enemy at bay. The gallant little band remained voluntarily for thirty hours in a donga (dry bed of a river) near Dordrecht in order to prevent the capture of a wounded officer. They were fighting 600 Boers with field guns until reinforced at daybreak. The officer has since died.

Colonial Rebels.

The victory of Ladysmith has struck terror into the Colonial rebels. The Boer accounts of the affair ended early with the premature capture of some unimportant position, leaving the sequel of the fighting unreported.

General.

General White's pathetic message that he was "very hard pressed" followed by the news of his gallant repulse of the enemy, tended rather to embitter the political discussion of the campaign, but the net result has been reassuring to the public.

So far as the political aspects of the war are concerned, Mr. Balfour's flippant references to the game of politics and administrative fortitude have not improved matters.

Sir Charles Dilke has notified his intention to move a vote of censure on the Government for failing to appreciate the magnitude of the task confronting them. The debates in Parliament will probably be be sharp as the temper of the House, however staunch, is one of extreme exasperation.

Twenty-four Unionist Members are proceeding to the front, two Liberals, and two Government whips.

General Buller's movement on the upper Tugela is believed to be part of a large plan of operations not yet disclosed which have been sanctioned by Lord Roberts, who is responsible for the rigid stoppage of news.

It is also stated that Lord Methuen's recall is a foregone conclusion, though his wife denies the report of ill-health.

War preparations in India.

CALCUTTA, January 9th.

The *Englishman's* correspondent wires from Bangalore on January 8th:—"J" Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, guns and horses, left last evening in two specials for Bombay, *en route* to South Africa. The platform was crowded with ladies, and officers of other regiments. The parting scene between the men and their relatives and friends was most affecting. The men were cheery. The public gave them a splendid send-off. The following are under orders for South Africa:—Major Landon, Royal Warwicks, to be attached to the 2nd Battalion; Major Long, Army Service Corps, now in Ceylon. The Government have accepted 750 horses, all told, from native princes for service in South Africa. The Marine Department have been instructed to arrange for transports.

January 10th.

Arrangements are being made by the Government of India to despatch 1,000 drivers for service in South Africa. They are being drawn from various transport corps in this country.

The report that Transport and Mountain Batteries are also to be sent from India is not confirmed.

POONA, January 10th.

"J" Battery from Bangalore and a detachment of "L" Battery, R.H.A., arrived at Poona this morning and left to-night for South Africa. The Battery under the command of Captain Corbyn consisted of 170 men and 198 horses; and a detachment of 59 men and 70 horses, under Lieutenant Ritchie. "L" Battery, which only recently left Kirkee, had many friends and relatives on the platform to bid good-bye. Some of the Sergeants had families at Poona, and there were the usual sad parting scenes. The men looked in the pink of health and appeared to be in excellent spirits. Two bands played on the platform, and a large gathering, including General Burnett and the principal officers of the station, was present. Some ladies distributed cheroots in the carriages, "Auld Lang Syne" was drowned in the ringing cheers which were given as the train moved off.

RANGOON, January 11th.

Details of the Mounted Infantry proceeding from the Mandalay district to South Africa are now published. In all 200 men go from the 2nd Essex and 2nd Durham Light Infantry. Major Cruickshank, 2nd Essex Regiment, commands the Mounted Infantry. The 2nd Essex Company, numbering 100 N.C.O.'s and men, will be commanded by Capt. H.O.C. Copeman with Lieutenant C. M. Barlow and Lieutenant G. M. Stirling. The 2nd Durham Light Infantry Company, numbering 100 N.C.O's, and men, will be commanded by Capt. C. C. Luard with Lieut. A. S. Way and Lieutenant L. F. Ashburner. Forty-six ponies have been selected from the Essex Regiment and 17 from the 7th Burma Battalion, 23 from the Durham Light Infantry and 25 from the 5th Burma Battalion, and the remainder will be furnished by the Burma Battalion Military Police. The Mounted Infantry from Burma will leave in about ten days for South Africa in the British India steamer *Palamcotta*, which is now being fitted up in Calcutta for the transport of horses.

SECUNDERABAD, January 12th.

Lieutenants Hayeter and Dyer, of the Cheshire Regiment, left yesterday, for South Africa to join a Mounted Infantry Corps. Lieutenant Tatchell, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, left at the same time.

Indian Volunteers for the War.

CALCUTTA, January 10th.

Colonel Lumsden, whose offer to raise a Mounted Corps for service in South Africa has been accepted, is expected here shortly. The terms of enlistment are not yet announced, but the Corps will be expected to find its own horses, Government furnishing arms and tents and supplying transport, rations, and fodder.

January 11th.

About fifty names have already been registered in Calcutta for the Mounted Volunteer Corps for South Africa, but selections will not be made until after the return of Colonel Lumsden. He has given half a lakh of rupees towards equipping the corps.

(From Dutch Sources).

January 17th.

Dr. Leyds declares that peace is impracticable so long as Mr. Chamberlain is in office.

The Swazis, a Zulu tribe, have invaded the Transvaal under the leadership of several headmen. They have killed many Transvaal Kaffirs.

Boer reports of the assault on Ladysmith on the 6th inst., show that the Boers have seized upon the hillocks that command Cæsar's camp, and that they have occupied a hill and the railway junction near the town.

The *Morning Leader* says that, to mislead the Boers, all the troops under General Warren have been concentrated to the north of Springfield. The *Standard* asserts that the Boers are continually strengthening their positions to the north and west there with heavy guns from their southern positions. The Boers have brought their field artillery to Colenso which is still held by them. President Kruger has written a letter to the Commandants in the field, in which he speaks hopefully of the course of the war.

General Buller has crossed over at Potgieter's Drift, and General Warren has crossed the Tugela without meeting opposition. The Boer commando which took Kuruman has marched to Upington, at the request of the Cape insurgents.

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ASTURIA, German steamer, 3,319, Hildebrandt, 31st Jan.,—New York 6th Dec., and Singapore 23rd Jan., General.—Siemssen & Co.

BELGIAN KING, British steamer, 2,170, Thos. L. Weiss, 28th Jan.,—San Diego (Cal.) 11th Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.

BRAEMAR, British steamer, 2,316, W. Watt, 30th Jan.,—Singapore 23rd Jan., General.—Dodwell & Co., Ld.

BROAD MOYNE, British steamer, 1,947, Hayars, 28th Jan.,—Samhoa 19th Jan., Kerosine.—Bradley & Co.

CHIYUEN, Chinese steamer, 1,211, W. C. Jamieson, 27th Jan.,—Canton 27th Jan., General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

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DAPHNE, German steamer, 1,292, Th. Nissen, 31st Dec.,—Kutchinotzu 26th Dec., Coal.—Siemssen & Co.

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FORMOSA, British steamer, 674, J. Douglas, 30th Jan.,—Tamsui and Amoy 27th Jan., Ballast.—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

FUSHUN, Chinese steamer, 1,504, W. H. Lunt, 1st Feb.,—Shanghai 28th January, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

HAICHING, British steamer, 1,267, W. Davis, 30th Jan.,—Foochow via Amoy and Swatow 29th Jan., General.—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

HAILAN, French steamer, 377, W. Bast, 21st Jan.,—Pakhoi and Hoihow 20th Jan., General.—A. R. Marty.

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JASON, British steamer, 1,842, W. Lycett, 29th Jan.,—Singapore 19th Jan., General.—Butterfield & Swire.

KEONG WAI, British steamer, 1,115, T. W. Groves, 31st Jan.,—Bangkok 21st Jan., Rice and General.—Yuen Fat Hong.

KEELUNG MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,037, S. Nagata, 1st Feb.,—Moji 27th Jan., Coal.—Order.

KIANGNAN, Chinese steamer, 1,347, Bissander, 28th Jan.,—Chinkiang 22nd Jan., General.—Kwong Man Woo.

LYEEMOON, German steamer, 1,238, G. Heuermann, 19th Jan.,—Canton 18th January, General.—Siemssen & Co.

MACHEW, British steamer, 995, J. E. Farrell, 27th ,—Siam 21st Jan., General.—Butterfield & Swire.

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NANYANG, German steamer, 983, Th. Lehmann, 28th Jan.,—Java 18th Jan., Sugar.—Siemssen & Co.

PRONTO, German steamer, 632, H. Grandt, 31st Jan.,—Saigon 26th Jan., Rice.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

RADNORSHIRE, British steamer, 1,889, Hadley, 31st Jan.,—London 6th Dec., and Singapore 23rd Jan., General.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.

ROSETTA, British steamer, 2,039, C. C. Talbot, R.N.R., 31st Jan.,—Yokohama 24th Jan., Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

ST. PAUL, American steamer, 1,866, Hays, 10th Jan.,—Manila 6th Jan., Ballast.—Order.

SANDAKAN, German steamer, 1,374, E. Muhle, 27th Jan.,—Sandakan 22nd Jan., Timber.—Melchers & Co.

SIAM, British steamer, 992, H. N. Holton, 29th Jan.,—Singapore 19th Jan., Timber.—Bradley & Co.

SUNGKIANG, British steamer, 1,021, S. W. Moore, 30th Jan.,—Manila 27th January, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

TACOMA, American steamer, 1,689, Andrew Dixon, 25th Jan.,—Tacoma, Wash. U.S.A. 23rd Jan., General.—Dodwell & Co., Ld.

TAMSUI MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,037, K. Sobajima, 25th Jan.,—Foochow 23rd Jan., and Swatow 24th Jan., General.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

TEENKAI, British steamer, 3,006, Davies, 31st Jan.,—Singapore 25th Jan., General.—Dodwell & Co., Ld.

TSURUGISAN MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,560, J. Narasaki, 31st Jan.,—Kuchinotzu 26th Jan., Coal.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

VICTORIA, American steamer, 1,992, John Panton, 29th Jan.,—Manila 26th January, Ballast.—Dodwell & Co., Ld.

WONGKOI, British steamer, 1,115, B. B. Brooke Pigot, 21st Jan.,—Bangkok 13th Jan., and Swatow 20th., Rice and Teak.—Yuen Fat Hong.

WUHU, British steamer, 1,250, W. Benson, 29th Jan.,—Hongay 27th Jan., Coal.—Butterfield & Swire.

YAMAGUCHI MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,038, Thomas Tibbals, 28th Jan.,—Moji 23rd January, Coal.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Sailing Vessels.

ALLERTON, British ship, 1,938, Toye, 31st Jan.,—Cardiff 8th Sept., Coal.—Admiralty.

BITTERN, British barquentine, 399, Thos. Askin, 13th Jan.,—Fremantle via Geraldton 10th Jan., Sandalwood.—Siemssen & Co.

BRODERCK CASTLE, British ship, 1,745, O. Olsen, 29th Jan.,—New York 24th Aug., Case Oil.—Standard Oil Co.

TRAFALGAR, British 4-masted bark, 1,616, M. S. Wright, 26th Dec.,—Hongay 15th Dec., Ballast.—Sander, Wieler & Co.

WARATAH, British schooner, 25, Haynes, 23rd Sept.,—Takow 15th Sept., Ballast.—Mr. F. W. Hall.

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Fame, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 5,400 i.h.p., Lieut.-Com. W. J. Keyes, Hongkong.

Firebrand, 3rd class gunboat, 455 tons, 4 guns, 360 i.h.p., Hongkong.

Handy, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 i.h.p., Hongkong.

Hart, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 i.h.p., Hongkong.

Humber, storeship, 1,640 tons, 800 i.h.p., Com. H. J. Davison, Hongkong.

Iphigenia, 2nd class cruiser, 3,600 tons, 8 guns, 7,000 i.h.p., Capt. H. N. Dudding, Hongkong.

Linnet, gun-vessel, 756 tons, 2 heavy guns, 4 6-pounders, 870 i.h.p., Commander W. W. Smythe, Wuchow.

Orlando, British cruiser, 5,600 tons, Capt. J. H. Burke, Hongkong.

Peacock, 1st class gunboat, 775 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. S. G. Douglas, en route Shanghai.

Phœnix, British gunboat, 1,015 tons, Comdr. Cochran, Hongkong.

Pigmy, 1st class gunboat, 755 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. J. F. E. Green, Wei-hai-wei.

Plover, 1st class gunboat, 453 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. C. V. de M. Cowper, Manila.

Redpole, British gunboat, 805 tons, Capt. F. F. Haworth Booth, Shanghai.

Sandpiper, British river-gunboat, 2 guns, Lt.-Comdr. Carr, on the West River.

Swift, gun-vessel, 756 tons, 2 heavy guns, 4 6-pounders, 870 i.h.p., Hongkong.

Tamar, receiving ship, 4,600 tons, Comdr. Powell, Hongkong.

Tweed, coast defence gunboat, 363 tons, 3 guns, 200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. H. E. Hillman, on the West River.

Undaunted, 1st class cruiser, 5,600 tons, 12 guns, 8,500 i.h.p., Capt. A. C. Clarke, Hongkong.

Victorious, British battleship, 14,900 tons, 32 guns, 12,000 i.h.p., Captain A. Schomberg, Hongkong.

Waterwitch, surveying vessel, 620 tons, Commander W. P. Dawson, Hongkong.

Whiting, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 6,000 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. E. Kelly, Hongkong.

Wivern, coast defence ship, 2,750 tons, 4 guns, 1,000 i.h.p., Hongkong.

Woodcock, British gunboat, 2 guns, 560 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Watson, on the Yangtsze.

Woodlark, British gunboat, 2 guns, 550 h.p., Lt.-Comdr. R. A. Norton, on the Yangtsze.

Torpedo-boats in Reserve Nos. 8 and 20, 35, 36, 37 and 38, first-class; and 3 second-class boats.

Miscellaneous.

Liberal, Portuguese gunboat, 588 tons, Comdr. Cunha, Hongkong.

Presidento Sarmineto, Argentine cruiser, 2,850 tons, Capt. Betbeder, Manila.

Valkyrien, Danish cruiser, 3,000 tons, Prince Valdemar, Hongkong.

Zenta, Austrian cruiser, 2,500 tons, Captain Edward Thomann von Montalmar, Hongkong.

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.

The Russian Squadron.

Admiral Korniloff, Russian armoured cruiser, 5,000 tons twin screw, 36 guns, 9,500 h.p., Captain Jakovleff, at Nagasaki.

Aleout, Russian gunboat, 810 tons, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p., Captain Elkisky, at Nagasaki.

Bobre, Russian gun-vessel, twin screw, 950 tons, 13 guns, 1,150 h.p., Captain Dobrovolsky, at Nagasaki.

Dimitri Donskoy, Russian armoured cruiser, 5,893 tons, twin screw, 34 guns, 7,000 h.p., Comdr. Sharon, at Nagasaki.

Gaidamak, Russian gunboat, 400 tons, twin screw, 18 guns, 3,500 h.p., Capt. Serebrennikff, at Nagasaki.

Gremiastchy, Russian armoured cruiser, 1,492 tons, twin screw 12 guns, 2,000 h.p., Capt. Miklashevsky, at Nagasaki.

Koreyetz, Russian cruiser, 1,200 tons, 9 guns, 2,150 h.p., Capt. Sillmann, at Nagasaki.

Mandjour, Russian cruiser, 1,213 tons, twin screw, 14 guns, 1,500 h.p., Capt. Yakoveff, at Nagasaki.

Navarin, Russian battleship, 10,000 tons, 10 guns, 9,000 h.p. Captain Yenish, at Nagasaki.

Nayezdnik, Russian cruiser, 1,334 tons, 14 guns, 1,800 h.p., Capt. Zarine, at Nagasaki.

Otvazny, Russian armoured cruiser, 1,490 tons, twin screw, 12 guns, 2,000 h.p., Captain Coprianoff, at Nagasaki.

Pamiat Azowa,* Russian cruiser, 6,000 tons, 36 guns, 8,000 h.p., Captain Niedermiller, at Singapore.

Rossia, Russian armoured cruiser, 12,200 tons, 22 guns, 14,500 h.p., Capt. Domojiroff, at Vladivostock.

Rurik,‡ Russian flagship, 10,940 tons, armoured twin screw cruiser, 1st class, 48 guns, 13,500 h.p., Capt. Haupt, at Port Arthur.

Silatch, Russian gunboat, 4 guns, 1,200 h.p., Capt. Barronoff, at Nagasaki.

Sissoi Veliky, Russian battleship, 10,000 tons, 14 guns, 8,500 i.h.p. Capt. Mollas, at Nagasaki.

Sivoutch, Russian gunboat, 950 tons, twin screw 13 guns, 1,200 h.p., Capt. Soubatin, at Nagasaki.

Vladimir Monomach, Russian cruiser, 6,000 tons, 16 guns, Prince Ouchtomsky, at Chemulpo.

Vostock, Russian torpedo gunboat, 4 guns, 650 h.p., Com. Molchousky, at Nagasaki.

Vsadnik, Russian torpedo boat, 400 tons, 18 guns, twin screw, 1,500 h.p., Capt. Rogulla, at Nagasaki.

Zabiaka, Russian cruiser, 1,230 tons, 20 guns, 2,000 h.p., Capt. Shkruff, at Nagasaki.

(1st and 2nd class.)

Forel, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.

Jantchicki, Russian torpedo boat, 87 tons, 4 guns, 970 h.p., 19 knots.

Nargen, Russian torpedo boat, 85 tons 4 guns, 1,200 h.p., 22 knots.

Novorossisk, Russian torpedo boat, 87 tons, 4 guns, 2,900 h.p., 22 knots.

Podoramik, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.

Sitsik, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.

Skorpion, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.

Soolchena, Russian torpedo boat, 87 tons, 4 guns, 970 h.p., 19 knots.

Sterlaid, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.

Strauss, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.

Sunguri, Russian torpedo boat, 140 tons, 4 guns, 1,800 h.p., 22 knots.

RUSSIAN TORPEDO FLOTILLA. (SEA GOING.)

Borgo, 1st class, Russian torpedo boat, 81 tons, 3 guns, 2 torp tubes 1,100 h.p., speed 21 knots.

Revel, 1st class, Russian torpedo boat, 96 tons 3 guns, 2 torp tubes 780 h.p., speed 22 knots

Sweaborg, 1st class, Russian torpedo boat, 69 tons, 3 guns, 2 torp tubes 780 h.p., speed 19.7 knots.

Ussuri, Russian torpedo boat, 140 tons, 4 guns, 1,800 h.p., 22 knots.

† Flagship of Vice-Admiral Alexeieff.
* Flagship of Rear-Admiral F. V. Dubossoff.
‡ Flagship of Rear-Admiral Reounoff.

THE FRENCH SQUADRON.

Bengali, 2nd class dispatch-boat, Lt.-Comdr. De La Croix de Castries, at Haiphong.

D'Entrecasteaux,* 1st class cruiser, 8,114 tons, 26 guns, 13,500 i.h.p., Capt. de Marolles, at Saigon.

Descartes, 2nd class protected cruiser, 4,000 tons, 36 guns 631 i.h.p., Captain Philibert, at Kwang-chow-wan.

Eure, Dispatch-transport, Capt. Vallée, at Saigon.

Jean Bart, 1st class cruiser, 4,500 tons, 10 guns, 8,000 i h.p., Capt. Aubin, at Kwang-chau-wan.

Kersaint, 3rd class cruiser, 1,243 tons, 13 guns, 2,200 i.h.p., Capt. de la Motte du Portail, at Saigon.

Lion, gunboat, 473 tons, 8 guns, 576 h.p., Capt. Amet, Kwang-chau-wan.

Pascal, 2nd class protected cruiser, 4,000 tons, 36 guns, 9,000 i.h.p., Capt. M. Motet, at Hongkong.

Surprise, gunboat, 627 tons, 10 guns, 860 i.h.p., Capt. Mornet, at Saigon.

* Flagship of Vice-Admiral Courrejolles.

THE GERMAN SQUADRON.

Gefion, German cruiser, 4,200 tons, 25 guns, 9,000 h.p., Capt. Rollmann, at Manila.

Hansa,* German cruiser, 6,400 tons, Capt. Pohl, at Singapore.

Hertha, German cruiser, 6,000 tons, Capt. S. v. Usedom, at Hongkong.

Iltis, German gunboat, 1,000 tons, 10 guns, 1,600 h.p., Capt. H. H. Lans, at Hongkong.

Irene, German cruiser, 4,400 tons, 22 guns, 8,000 h.p., Capt. Obenteimer, at Nagasaki.

Jaguar, German cruiser, Captain Kinderling, at Shanghai.

Kaiserin Augusta, German cruiser, 6,000 tons, 12 guns, 13,040 i.h.p., Captain Gulich, at Shanghai.

* Flagship of Admiral Fritze.

THE AMERICAN SQUADRON.

Baltimore, Flagship, U.S. cruiser, 4,413, tons, 10 guns, 10,064 h.p., Capt. J. M. Forsyth, at Hongkong.

Bennington, U.S. gunboat, 1,710 tons, 6 guns, 3,436 h.p., Com. C. H. Arnold, at Manila.

Brooklyn, Flagship, U.S. cruiser, Admiral Watson, at Hongkong.

Callao, U.S. gunboat, 137 tons, 1 gun, 55 h.p., Lieut. Benjamin Tappan, at Manila.

Castine, U.S. gunboat, 1,330 tons, 8 guns, 2,199 h.p., Comdr. S. W. Very, en route Japan.

Celtic, U.S. supply-ship, 6,428 tons, 1,890 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. N. J. K. Patch, at Manila.

Concord, U.S. gunboat, 1,700 tons, 6 guns, 3,405 h.p., Comdr. S. M. Ackley, at Manila.

Culgoa, U.S. supply-ship, 7,000 tons, 2,350 h.p., Comdr. J. W. Carlin, at Manila.

Glacier, U.S. supply-ship, Lieut.-Comdr. J. B. Briggs, at Manila.

Helena, U.S. gunboat, 1,397 tons, 8 guns, 1,998 h.p., Comdr. E. K. Moore, at Manila.

Iris, U.S. distilling-ship, 6,100 tons, 1,300 h.p., Lieut.-Com. W. H. Everett, at Hongkong.

Manila, U.S. gunboat, 1,057 tons, 2 guns, 750 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. A. P. Nazro, at Manila.

Monadnock, U.S. double-turret monitor, 4,000 tons, 6 guns, 3,000 h.p., Comdr. John McGowan, at Hongkong.

Monocacy, U.S. gunboat, 1,370 tons, 6 guns, 850 h.p., Com. G. A. Bicknell, at Shanghai.

Monterey, U.S. double-turret monitor, 4,084 tons, 4 guns, 5,244 h.p., Comdr. E. H. C. Leutze, at Manila.

Nanshan, U.S. collier, Lieut. L. A. Kaiser.

Oregon, 1st class U.S. battleship, 10,288 tons, 16 guns, 11,111 h.p., Capt. G. F. F. Wilde, at Manila.

Petrel, U.S. gunboat, 892 tons, 4 guns, 1,095 h.p., Comdr. C. C. Cornwell, at Manila.

Princeton, U.S. gunboat, 1,000 tons, 6 guns, 800 h.p., Comdr. Harry Knox, at Manila.

Solace, U.S. cruiser, 5,000 tons, Comdr. Demlap, Manila.

Wheeling, U.S. gunboat, 1,000 tons, 6 guns, 1,081 h.p., Comdr. W. T. Butwell, at Hongkong.

Yorktown, U.S. gunboat, 1,710 tons, 6 guns, 3,392 h.p., Comdr. C. S. Sperry, at Manila.

Yosemite, U.S. converted cruiser, 6,179 tons, 10 guns, 3,800 h.p., Capt. G. E. Ide, at Manila.

Zafiro, U.S. dispatch-vessel, Master A. M. Whitton, at Manila.

THE ITALIAN SQUADRON.

Carlo Alberto, Italian cruiser, 7,000 tons, Capt. R. Call, Shanghai.

Elba, Italian cruiser, 2,720 tons, Capt. Cecconi, Shanghai.

Etna, Italian cruiser, 3,500 tons, Capt. G. Giorello, Singapore.

Liguria, Italian cruiser, 4,500 tons, Captain Casella, Shanghai.

Stromboli, Italian cruiser, 4,000 tons, 36 guns, 6,252 h.p., Capt. C. Bregante, Singapore.

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